

Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”

Man is not on a neutral footing when it comes to a consideration of GOD’s word. By nature all men hate the truth of GOD and are enemies of it unless that rebellious spirit is broken and the heart opened to receive the word of GOD. The greatest of orators may stir the emotions of men but only the LORD can change the heart. Saul of Tarsus was not convinced by men of the truth of the risen LORD. However the LORD was able to “persuade” him that it was HE who was the MASTER.

GOD is able to raise up the stones to praise HIS name so we should not think it any sort of necessity on HIS part to use man in the proclamation of the gospel. However it has pleased HIM to convey the sweet message of the gospel; not on the wings of seraphs, but through the preaching of the gospel by the lips of men. It is common for men to think that GOD is able to use only those who are trained in a certain way or that possess certain skill levels in this endeavor. The true communication of the gospel, however, is in no sense enhanced by the innate skill of a man nor is it in any way lessened by the relative weakness of any vessel in which the LORD is pleased to place HIS message. Paul continually said that he was no great orator but the word of GOD moved in him mightily and his preaching was a demonstration of the LORD’s power.

Modern “evangelism” centers its efforts in skillful presentations and in persuading men to do something. They are “persuaded” by many methods, sometimes even trickery and appealing music, but most often with great amounts of emotional appeals, to step out , step up, walk the aisle, escape hell, let jesus into their heart, give the LORD a chance, or make a decision to be saved. On the other hand those who are true preachers of the gospel are simply that, preachers of the gospel. The persuasion that they are involved in is a clear declaration of what JESUS CHRIST has done in the behalf of sinners. Their only desire is to magnify HIM who has purchased eternal redemption for that which was lost. Paul never asked those he preached to, to do anything. He preached JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. He said since we have the fear of the LORD, we persuade men by proclaiming that truth of GOD which HE is able to convince men of. We are persuaded that:

The LORD has cleansed all things for HIS people. *“I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.”* The LORD satisfied and fulfilled every jot and tittle of the law in the behalf of HIS elect bride and there is nothing in the earth that can bring them into condemnation. *“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. “*

The LORD calls HIS children by name and makes them new creatures in HIS own time. *“And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.”* The LORD not only purchased for us an eternal redemption but HE has begun a good work in us which HE will perform to the end. Eternal life is begun in those who are called by HIS grace and they shall never die.

This faith wherein we stand is that which has been the hope of GOD’s children in all ages. We read in the eleventh chapter of Hebrews; *“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”* GOD has never set forth any means of salvation for HIS elect in any age except that which has been accomplished by JESUS CHRIST. The old testament saints died without the full realization of the finished work of CHRIST, whereas we have been made aware that HE has actually paid the purchase price in time, our sin having been imputed to HIM and HIS righteousness to us. Those who were heirs of the promise in ages past are just as much partakers of that purchased redemption as we are. The gospel of the LORD JESUS CHRIST is the faith once delivered to the saints. We look for no other.

JESUS CHRIST alone is the hope and expectation of the true believer. *“For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.”* The sons of GOD look for no other DELIVERER than CHRIST and they are persuaded that HIS redemptive work is sufficient for their salvation.

Of what are you persuaded?

“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**