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Since we believe that the Bible is the “verbally inspired” word of GOD, then we believe every word in it must be considered important. There is no part of the scriptures which is superfluous or unnecessary. We may not “understand” the purpose and import of every word and we might misapply those words by misreading or ignoring the context in which they are spoken but this does not change the veracity or necessity of each one. It is a sign of poor scholarship ignore the proper context in which these words are presented, but it is downright shameful and dishonest to try to seek to “wrest” or change their meanings or their order to fit our theology. The Bible always means what it means, even when those truths are inconvenient to our established dogmas.

The prevailing notion about salvation which one hears proclaimed all across our land and even around the world is that CHRIST is an “available” savior. We are told that each and every individual on the planet can have salvation if they will just comply with a few conditions. Salvation is presented as an equation which has a “part” which CHRIST has performed and a “part” which is left up to men to perform in order to complete the equation and bring about the desired result.

This is an exercise of man’s grandiose consideration of his ability to determine his own destiny and is a disregard of the fact that salvation is a gift of GOD’s grace rather than a reward for meeting certain conditions. The ship of free will sails proudly across the ocean of man’s self-esteem but runs aground on the words “must” and “shall”, and is destroyed by the same ONE who says *“I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy.”*

Peter said “There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” He said “we must be saved” and not “we might be saved”, because: CHRIST is predestined to be the SAVIOR. *“Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.”* Even as the angel instructed Joseph, *“Thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”* It is folly to consider that HE who rules over all things should somehow not accomplish HIS own will. *“But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.”* If HE **must**, or **shall**, save HIS people then it follows that:

CHRIST has an elect people who shall be saved. *“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”* If HE has an elect people who must be saved then it follows that: CHRIST alone must save them. *“For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away.”* Those whom HE has ordained unto eternal life are described as dead in trespasses and sins. How else can they be saved, unless HE saves them? If CHRIST alone must save them then it follows that:

CHRIST alone has obtained their salvation. They are redeemed *“with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”* This is a “redemption” that “redeems” and a “salvation” that “saves.” Not one drop of the the precious blood of CHRIST was shed in vain nor has it fallen to the ground without accomplishing exactly what HE purposed. If CHRIST has obtained their eternal redemption by the shedding of HIS own blood, becoming their SUBSTITUTE, then it follows that:

CHRIST has saved them; not only from the penalty which was associated with that sin, but from the effects of it as well. The only barrier between the GOD of heaven and HIS elect bride, whom HE has loved from the beginning, is the *“sin which doth so easily beset us”*. Our foolish hearts were darkened by it and our consciences were full of offense and enmity towards HIM. Yet it is that which CHRIST has performed for us and brought to “light” through the gospel that has given us a *“conscience void of offense.”* *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* Not only are the saints of GOD justified by the blood of CHRIST as pertaining to the just penalty prescribed by the law, but they are forever satisfied in heart and mind by that very work, and *“must be saved”* by it. *“Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

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