RADIO TRANSCRIPT #21

singing: ""I eat the bread and drink the wine;," #447

Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"

The LORD told HIS disciples to remember HIS death by the partaking of bread and wine in remembrance of HIM. Any aspect of this observance which would turn a man's eyes towards anything but the remembrance of HIS death is a product of the flesh and not the SPIRIT.

In order to properly "remember HIS death we must first consider the <u>ONE</u> who died. JESUS CHRIST is the ETERNAL SON of GOD who thought it not robbery to be equal with GOD, and is the fullness of the GODHEAD bodily. HE took upon HIMSELF a mortal body of flesh and blood and was tempted in all points like as we are yet was perfect in HIS obedience to HIS FATHER and the HOLY LAW of GOD, being without sin. In this sinless and incorruptible state HE did "become sin" for HIS elect bride as her SUBSTITUTE, imputing her sin to HIMSELF and HIS righteousness unto her.

In order to properly "remember HIS death" we must, secondly, consider the <u>death</u> which HE died. HIS death was not imagined, incomplete, or somehow anything less than the exact death which all flesh must experience. HE underwent excruciating pain in HIS mortal body, but more importantly, HE experienced HIS greatest suffering in HIS mind and soul as HE wrestled with the darkness and condemnation of the sin which was laid upon HIM. In those three days and nights in which HE resided in the tomb, HIS body was absolutely dead. HE was without mortal life of any sort. Yet far more "deadly" than a simple cessation of bodily functions, HE was "cut off" from the very presence of the FATHER in whom was HIS delight and did make HIS soul an offering for sin.

In order to properly "remember HIS death" we must consider, thirdly, <u>the reason that HE died.</u> There are three reasons that come to mind. The first is "**HIS Purpose**". The second is "**HIS love**". The third is the "**awfulness of sin**".

GOD does all things according to HIS purpose and nothing occurs in Heaven or Earth which does not exactly fulfill that purpose. GOD does not have contingency plans which are dependent on what any part of HIS creation does, rather HE directs all things to occur according to that ordained purpose. The death of JESUS CHRIST was according to that same purpose as we read in the book of Acts. "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:"

JESUS CHRIST did undertake the redemption of HIS elect bride, because <u>HE loved her with an</u> everlasting love. But <u>God commendeth his love toward us</u>, in that, while we were yet sinners, <u>Christ died for us</u>. "

In order to magnify both the glory of HIS grace and the unwavering justice of HIS law, It pleased GOD, to <u>put CHRIST</u> to death on the account of that sin, which belonged to HIS bride whom HE loved with an everlasting love. GOD will by no means clear the guilty nor at all acquit the wicked, and HE has decreed that the "soul that sinneth shall die".

Therefore <u>it is because of the sin of HIS elect</u> that JESUS CHRIST went to Calvary's cross and endured the shame which was rightly due to each one of them. HE would magnify HIS hatred of sin and HIS immutable justice in the suffering of CHRIST on the account of the sin of HIS people. "that he might be <u>just</u>, and the <u>justifier</u> of him which believeth in Jesus.")

We remember HIS death and **weep**, that our sin caused HIS pain. We remember HIS death and **rejoice** because HE has by it demonstrated HIS love for HIS elect, believing, remnant and has removed all condemnation from them. We remember HIS death **with gladness** since HE has triumphed over death in HIS resurrection which is the "harbinger" of that resurrection which awaits all who sleep in HIM.

This resurrection is the very basis of our hope, and we are encouraged as we consider the temporary nature of this "remembrance" with bread and wine, for it is only "until HE comes"

"For sinners LORD thou camest to bleed" #447 If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net,