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In the thirteenth chapter of I Corinthians Paul says “For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.” This principle is at the very heart of what we read in the opening statement of the epistle to the Hebrews, “*God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds.*” There is no need for the shadow when the SUBSTANCE is present. CHRIST is the SUM of all that the LORD would reveal to HIS children. We see the very culmination of this principle in the revelation given to John. “*And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.*”

This is further illustrated in the glorious declarations Paul made to the Philippians and to the Colossians: “*Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*” “*Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.*”

This principle is clearly set forth as that mystery which was kept secret from the beginning, and is now revealed. “*That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel.*” There can be no separation between those who are made ONE in CHRIST when HE who is the HEAD of the body is now come. “*And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:*” All doctrine which was given before this clear revelation, is seen to be but a precursor to the unfolding of the fullness of that which GOD has ordained from the beginning. “*And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.*” When that which is perfect is come that which is in part shall be done away.

We look for perfection and fulfillment nowhere else but in HIM as HE is made unto us, “wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:” To look at any exhortation or duty which is set forth in the New Testament, apart from a clear understanding of this TRUTH is to miss the mark entirely and to press upon the sons of GOD the same requirements that were unmet under Moses’ law, due to the weakness of the flesh.

Now we would never contend that the sons of GOD are not given many and varied exhortations and admonitions throughout the New Testament, but we would continually contend that such exhortations and admonitions are given to them in order to stir them up to look unto CHRIST to fulfill these things in them, and thus to rest in HIM as the FULFILLER of all such things.

HIS strength is made perfect in weakness as we see HIS grace to be sufficient for us. When we lay burdens upon the sons of GOD or we labor to perform what is required of us we become caught in a maelstrom of human endeavor which only serves to weaken the children of GOD, since HE alone can minister peace to HIS children by reminding them that HE is their PERFORMER in all things. Paul said, “*For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*”

Such a doctrine will never subdue the carnal man, but is a sweet savor to those who have been awakened to see themselves as corrupt and powerless, who have been caused to come unto HIM and find rest unto their weary souls. Do you find contentment in your religious efforts and faithfulness or do you count all such but dung that you might win CHRIST. CHRIST is ALL.

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