

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

Hebrews 10:26 says, “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins”. This scripture is often misconstrued to mean that if a child of GOD is found guilty of a sin which he openly knows is sin and voluntarily commits it anyway, then he no longer has any forgiveness which could be applied to him. If that is true then no man would ever be saved because every man who is born of Adam’s race is continually and wilfully embracing sin of one type or another on a constant basis. The man who thinks that he refrains from sin is either unacquainted with the depravity of his own heart or has no understanding of what constitutes sin. As John says *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*

We are certain that there is now no condemnation to those who are in JESUS CHRIST. CHRIST has paid in full the complete sin debt of HIS elect and they cannot be separated from HIM nor can any be plucked out of HIS hand. HE has obtained their eternal redemption and they shall never perish. The point that the writer of Hebrews is making is that if a man disregards the complete work which CHRIST has performed then he has absolutely no grounds upon which he might be found justified before a holy GOD. The *“willful sin”* of which he speaks is defined as the antithesis to the declaration and ground of faith which is found in all of those whom the LORD is pleased to call. The very livelihood of the saints is found in CHRIST, apart from WHOM they would surely perish.

The sands of time are littered with the carcasses of multitudes who have made professions of faith, been baptized, and given some outward indications of becoming the followers of the LAMB, but who have at some point in time taken up some alternative or additional means whereby they might seek acceptance with GOD, other than the finished work of CHRIST alone. Religion is the burial ground of many who do not enter into HIS rest.

Ever since the days that CHRIST began to preach upon the earth there have been many who, while making a fair show in the flesh of being HIS followers, have nonetheless turned aside and walked no more with HIM. Just like that seed which fell on the stony ground, they flourished for a season, but, in time, they returned to the dead works of religion, and continued going about to establish their own righteousness. This is an awful place to be found. They would have been better off had they never had any knowledge of the truth than to turn from it and embrace that beggarly way from which they at one time professed to be delivered.

Those who are true believers in CHRIST have one LORD, one FAITH, and one BAPTISM. The complete grounds upon which they expect to be justified before the face of a HOLY GOD is that which JESUS CHRIST has performed and established in HIS work as their REDEEMER. They have a conscience which is purged from the *“dead works”* of the law and hate the garment which is stained by the flesh. The only GARMENT which they desire is the spotless robe of CHRIST’s righteousness.

False disciples may have a regard to CHRIST in some measure but they also have a regard unto the dead works of their religion and are content to profess a dual confidence in what they do and what CHRIST has done. This is to disregard the work of CHRIST and is to be found among those whom Paul said he was in doubt of. *“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”*

There can be no mixture of that which a man has confidence in, for he will cleave to one and despise the other. A double minded man is unstable and true faith must have a clear object. The OBJECT of saving faith is nothing more or less than JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified. To cling to any other HOPE is to surely perish and to be found among those who voluntarily fall away from grace and embrace the dead works which CHRIST has fulfilled and purged.

The warnings that are given in the scripture serve to cause the sons of GOD to examine themselves and the basis of their faith. *“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?”* They are certain that there is no acceptable righteousness other than that of CHRIST and they desire to be clothed upon in HIS righteousness alone. The reprobate, on the other hand, is not stirred by such warnings but is content to have confidence in his flesh. All of the disciples except Judas were fearful as they asked the LORD if they would be HIS betrayer. Judas, on the other hand, embraced his role and was content. So too are those who are satisfied with their religion in this world.

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