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Natural men will “join hand in hand” in any message except that which is designed to humble men in the dust and take away all grounds which they might have to glory. Thus, we see men unite to oppose the absolute sovereignty of GOD to choose one vessel unto honor and another to dishonor as it pleases HIM. There is no clearer illustration of this natural hatred of the rulership of CHRIST than in the “unity” of Jew and Gentile alike to destroy HIM. *“And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together: for before they were (i.e.; beforehand) at enmity between themselves.” “Now the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death.” “Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar.”* These same Jews despised Caesar, yet they were unified with Rome in this one desire to unseat the KING of glory.

Peter declared this very fact to the nation of Israel on the day of Pentecost. *“Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain”* This very wickedness serves to illustrate the unified resolve of men by nature to not have this MAN to rule over them. *“But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.”*

Religious men will be confederate in their attempts to dethrone HIM by opposing the definite atonement of the LORD for HIS elect bride. In order to exalt the free will of men they will minimize the extent and purpose of the work of CHRIST as they promote the notion that HE died for the sins of all men, merely making their salvation a “possibility”, which depends upon their action of belief to make it effectual. In doing so they deny that HE actually purchased the redemption of HIS elect with HIS precious blood, which then ultimately negates HIS power to rule in HIS kingdom, making men to have the final say. In contrast to this natural bent of men, we see the LORD’s work in those whom HE has purchased with HIS blood as HE works in them *“both to will and to do of HIS good pleasure.”* Paul’s exhortation, *“Let brotherly love continue.”* does not fall on deaf ears, but upon those whom the LORD gives ears to hear. HE has both bought HIS sons with HIS blood and ordained them unto good works and the love of one another. *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*

The natural man is not disposed to love his neighbor, even as himself, let alone above himself. The unity of brethren in CHRIST can only occur as HE is pleased to cause them to “see eye to eye” by the indwelling of HIS SPIRIT. We see this unity and brotherly love exhibited in the life of the only perfect MAN who has ever walked upon the earth. *“For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”* HE has shown us the proper extent of true brotherly love as HE willingly and gladly denied HIMSELF for HIS brethren. Can any of those for whom HE prayed, be satisfied with a measure of love one to the other which is not like HIM? Certainly, HE is our IDEAL and EXAMPLE the very PATTERN the sons of GOD are called upon and led by the HOLY GHOST to follow. *“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”* This is that “oneness” which CHRIST desired would be found in those for whom HE prayed. To be satisfied with something less is to deny CHRIST. Paul’s exhortation to let brotherly love continue is not given to the world, but to those who are called to be HIS children. Something cannot “continue” unless it has already begun. We love HIM (and those whom HE loves) because HE has first loved us. *“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”* *“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”* *“Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”* To be without brotherly love is to deny the gospel. Do you love the brethren with a “pure heart fervently”? CHRIST did. *“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthepoor@windstream.net***