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CHRIST in HIS redeeming work undertook not only to satisfy the demands of a broken law but to deliver HIS elect children from the very curse of sin itself and to indwell them making them “new creatures”. This is that work which is described by the LORD to Nicodemus when HE said, “*Ye must be born-again.*” The result of this work is seen in Paul's letter to the Ephesians, “*And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience*”. All men are born into a state of being “*dead in trespasses and sins*”. In this condition a man, is “*condemned already*” for he will not come to the LIGHT because his deeds are evil. CHRIST is the LIGHT, but men love darkness rather than LIGHT, and will seek to hide their nakedness by their own effort. We see this demonstrated continually by the penchant which he has for religion of the flesh or the mind.

By nature, all men have a desire to live in this flesh and will go to practically any means to preserve that life even if it means taking the life from another who may threaten their own. Even this very desire indicates the selfish nature of sinful men, quite in contrast to the nature of the LORD JESUS CHRIST who gladly and willingly laid down HIS own life in order that those sinners, whom HE loved, might have true LIFE. HE “*took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*”

Man cannot, in his own natural ability or will, come into the presence of a holy GOD. It was therefore necessary that ONE who had no sin should become the SUBSTITUTE of those whom HE purposed to save. HE satisfied their sin debt with HIS own blood as their REDEEMER. HE delivered them from the sin which did so easily beset them as their SAVIOR. It was HIS purpose not only to remove the condemnation of their sin from the record of the Law, but to set them free from that same condemnation in their mind and heart by making them new creatures who delight in that work which HE has performed in their behalf.

When we see the LORD barring Adam and Eve from the Garden with a flaming sword, we understand that the LORD would not have corrupt men eating of the TREE of LIFE. Many religions teach that “heaven” is a place where men go after death to engage in whatever it was that gave them happiness in this sinful world. Yet Heaven is the abode of HIM whom David described, “*Our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.*” Just as Adam and Eve were prevented from eating of this TREE of LIFE in their corrupted flesh, so too are the natural born sons of Adam unable to live forever in that state. Destruction is their portion forever. None shall enter into that glorious city (wherein dwelleth RIGHTEOUSNESS) who have not been born from above with the seal of CHRIST’s righteousness “*in their foreheads*” and the BANNER of HIS love in their hands. For here the LAMB is the LIGHT that shineth forever and the TREE of LIFE which is planted by the rivers of waters. Those who are made the inhabitants of this CITY cannot be barred from eating of that TREE, for HE is that ONE in whom is their delight both in the present time and more perfectly in the ages to come. Just as surely as their delight is in HIM, HIS delight in them is that which insured that they would be welcomed into that place which HE has gone to prepare for them. If it were not so, HE would have told us.

The natural man would desire to live forever, not so that he might worship the KING in HIS beauty, but rather to continue his carnal rebellion against HIS precepts. “*For the wicked boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth. The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.*” While the wicked are kept out by those Cherubim with the flaming sword, those who are in CHRIST are welcomed therein. Their desire is to be found where HE is. “*Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.*” HE is THE TRUTH. Do you rejoice in HIS TRUTH? “Plenteous grace with thee is found; Grace to pardon all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the Fountain art; Freely let me take of thee; Spring thou up within my heart, Rise to all eternity.”

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