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When the LORD JESUS was upon the earth, HE made this statement. *“Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”* Some have wrongly surmised that the rock of which HE speaks is Peter (whose name means a stone or rock) yet HE merely used Peter’s name by way of contrast, and the ROCK upon which HIS church is built is not upon some fallible man but rather upon HIS own perfections and power. HE is that LIVING STONE.

Thus, HE stated that even the very “powers” of hell itself could never overpower it. HE demonstrated the spiritual nature of HIS kingdom when HE rebuked Pontius Pilate with these words *“My kingdom is not of this world:”* Then HE explained the power of HIS kingdom at the same time, *“To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.”*

This is exactly what HE had said earlier to the Jews, *“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day”.*

The success and furtherance of the Kingdom of GOD rests squarely upon the shoulders of HIM who is that ROCK of offense and the STONE which was rejected by the wise builders, and who shall grind to powder all who do not cast themselves upon HIS mercy. None of those shall perish for whom HE has come, to seek and to save. It is HIS purpose to give unto them HIS kingdom. HE has triumphed over all of their enemies making a show of them openly and has paid every one of their debts, by nailing them to HIS cross.

The glory of this Kingdom is recounted each time the gospel of the glory of the blessed GOD is declared. Who overturn its precepts? Thus, HIS kingdom is established in the earth, though the men of this world cannot see it nor in anywise feel its power. Yet those, to whom it is given, rejoice in their KING and exult in the magnification of HIS glory and the exaltation of HIS name. They see HIS deliverance plainly revealed and find great comfort within the walls of this City.

This kingdom is compassed about with TRUTH. *“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”* This is not a kingdom which is built in any way upon man’s grasp of the TRUTH, but rather this Kingdom is established by the application of the TRUTH by the SPIRIT of GOD. *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth” “I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*

This kingdom is compassed about by GRACE. *“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”* TRUTH believed is the manifestation of GRACE applied. *“He that is of God heareth God’s words. HE went on to describe those who are HIS sheep, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish. It is only by HIS grace that any man can be called by HIS name. “So, then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.”*

This kingdom is compassed about with RIGHTEOUSNESS. GOD accepteth no man’s person except that he be found perfectly righteous before him. *“Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”* Since this is the “standard” of the Kingdom, all men who are found clad in garments of their own making are sure to be cast away. There is only ONE whose righteousness exceedeth all that is required. *“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.” (Jer 23:5-6)*

This kingdom is compassed about with IMPUTATION. HE who is righteous has taken the sin of HIS elect unto HIMSELF by imputation and HE has imputed HIS righteousness to them. *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” “But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”* Do you delight in this Kingdom and give HIM praise as the KING.

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