

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

The religion of the flesh places great emphasis on the opinions of men, doctrinal novelty, and the discovering of new “methods” of attaining various heights and stages of “spirituality”. There is no shortage of “how to” books which have been written, to “instruct” and “coerce” those, who profess faith in CHRIST, in these areas of obedience and endeavor. Clever ideas for “spiritual” growth are concocted by learned “teachers” whose own “growth” is seen in their bank accounts as men buy their newest offerings of entertaining advice, masquerading as scriptural truth..

Great numbers of those who would call themselves believers and followers of CHRIST, are actually Modern Athenians, who under the spell of these hucksters, fork over loads of cash to build massive “worship centers” and “cathedrals of praise”, and then proceed to fill them with all sorts of entertainments of the flesh in order to attract others to hear and tell these “new things”. Modern, so called worship meetings are completely unrecognizable compared to those meetings of the saints which are described in the scriptural record. The leadership of the SPIRIT has been replaced by “trained worship leaders” and entertainers. The “ministry of the brethren” one to another has been supplanted by those who promote “pastoral authority” and “one man ministries” to the exclusion of every joint supplying that which the body is in need of.

True worship is singularly centered in a consideration of the finished work of the REDEEMER of sinners and the triumphs which HE has accomplished as the KING of kings and LORD of lords. The awakened sons of GOD are not seeking “some new thing” but rather are interested in the unchanging Gospel of an Immutable SAVIOR, and the demonstration of love one to the other according to the work of HIM who causes such to abound. Paul declared to the Athenians of ancient Greece, that judgment was sure and that CHRIST JESUS the risen LORD is the ONE seated upon that throne. This simple but profound message, forms the basis of all that those who are born again seek after. A continual consideration of the “preaching of the cross” is considered by modern Athenians as too elementary and lacks the pizzazz of learning how to triumph over their problems, get what they want from god, and convert the masses into those who emulate their own quest.

Yet the transcendent glory of CHRIST can only be set forth in the message of redemption which declares HIS utter and absolute triumph over all of HIS enemies and HIS accomplishment of the redemption of that Bride which HE has loved with an everlasting love. This redemptive work is demonstrated as the members of HIS body love one another, esteeming the other better than themselves. This is not an endeavor of the flesh, though it is most surely demonstrated in the lives of those who are called according to HIS grace. *“We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.”*

It is the seeking of a “new thing” for men to profess that they love the “truth” when they do not manifest an abiding love for those who are themselves the disciples of CHRIST. This is contrary to that simple and ancient teaching which came directly from the lips of our LORD, *“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.”*

Preaching and teaching is but a *“sounding brass and a tinkling cymbal”* if it is not coupled with a fervent love for those who are the called according to HIS purpose. *“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”* To delight in the letter of doctrine and to glory in the same without a love for CHRIST which manifests itself in a love for the brethren is to emulate the Athenians who sought *“some new thing”*. The NAME of CHRIST is magnified not simply in the verbal “preaching” of HIS word but in the demonstration of the power of HIS gospel applied by HIS SPIRIT as the children of GOD love one another. *“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.”*

Some “preachers” and their hearers take great delight in the sound of their voice. Paul was not such a preacher nor did he desire “hearers” of that sort. Rather he declared, *“And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”* *“Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men.”* This is no new thing.

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