

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

The LORD JESUS declared the purpose of HIS ministry when HE said, *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.”* The time which was appointed before the foundation of the world, had now arrived and the LORD was declaring it. The LORD JESUS did not come into the world, as an afterthought nor did HE come to solve a problem that had arisen in the creation. Rather the world was created for the very purpose which HE now announces. This “time” is said to be the *“acceptable year of the LORD.”* The meaning is that it is a time which was “approved or proper”. All that GOD does, HE does on purpose and according to the good pleasure of HIS will. So this was indeed the “proper” time since HE ordained it to come to pass when it pleased HIM. *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”*

While the sons of GOD are exhorted to “good works”, it is clear that the LORD JESUS CHRIST is the PERFORMER of all the good works which manifest themselves in the sons of GOD with which the FATHER is pleased and to which they are ordained. *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”* *“For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”* HE is a perfect PERFORMER and “wellpleasing” in HIS FATHER’s sight.

It is pure folly and pride which would cause a man to consider that he could perform or bring anything to the FATHER in or by his own power which would be considered “well pleasing”. Yet even the vilest of sinners is made pure in the FATHER’s sight by that which CHRIST has performed in his behalf by HIS redemptive work and does presently perform in him by the operation of HIS SPIRIT.

If the SANCTIFIER of GOD’s people is perfect and is that ONE (alone) whose righteous deeds are “acceptable” in HIS own sight, how could it be possible that the sons of GOD should ever become “more acceptable” by bringing some imperfect act of obedience regardless of its sincere motivation? *“For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.”*

There is no other “approved” message which is to be preached by those so called to this purpose, which is not *“JESUS CHRIST and HIM crucified”*. *“This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.”* Paul plainly declared that there are many “gospels” which are preached in the world, but only one which is true, even as Peter proclaimed, *“there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* *“there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.”*

The preaching of this gospel, alone is that which is “acceptable” to GOD and is the very FOUNDATION of that spiritual house (the Kingdom) of which the sons of GOD are a lively (living) part. *“Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.”* There is no other basis upon which the sons of GOD have any footing. These “sacrifices” are “favorable” to the FATHER because HE delights in HIS SON.

The clear emphasis on Peter’s exhortation to the saints is that it is truly a gift of grace and a mark of favor when HE enables HIS people to bear their burdens in the same SPIRIT in which CHRIST did HIS. *“Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”* This is the perfect work of CHRIST which HE is please to carry out in HIS people.

This is indeed “acceptable” to GOD.

*“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)**