

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

At the very heart of the Christian faith is the glorious truth of CHRIST as the SIN-BEARER of HIS people. If you take away the substitutionary aspect of CHRIST’s death in the behalf of HIS elect you are left with nothing more than a death by example or a pending transaction rather than a satisfaction of the law and a cancellation of sin by that death. The very meaning of redemption is a payment made and a product secured. The payment is the Blood of CHRIST and the product secured is the deliverance of those, (for whom that payment is made), from sin’s captivity and dominion.

The prevailing teaching of “nominal Christianity” in our day is a portrayal of CHRIST’s death as a quasi-payment for sin which is contingent upon the response of men in order for it to be effectual in the cancellation of their sin debt. This is a gross departure from that which is taught in the scriptures. *“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”* If HE has “obtained” that redemption then nothing could possibly be lacking nor could there be any sort of contingency which could, either, make it null and void or enhance its effect.

The doctrine which declares that JESUS CHRIST died for each and every individual on earth but actually secures the redemption and salvation of none, is a damnable heresy which makes a mockery of the LORD’s final words on Calvary’s cross, *“It is finished”*. It is to embrace the unthinkable notion that HIS blood is shed in vain and HIS purpose is left unaccomplished. Yet this drivel is spouted forth as being the true gospel. The ONE who bore HIS people’s sin and removed it as far as the east is from the west is portrayed as ONE who did all HE could to save every individual in the world but in the end came up short and had to settle for only a portion of that which HE bled for. This is to deny the declaration of Isaiah, the prophet, who said *“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:”* Either HE tried to save all men and failed or HE purposed to save HIS elect BRIDE and accomplished that fully and completely. The latter is true, *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many”* HE is satisfied with that possession which HE purchased with HIS own blood having accomplished her warfare and pardoned her iniquity.

Adam and Eve sewed fig leaves together in a vain attempt to cover their nakedness or reproach from the face of GOD. CHRIST JESUS became naked for HIS people that HE might bear their reproach and shame. HE was consumed with a desire to bring glory to HIS FATHER in the fulfillment of HIS purpose, which was to purchase the eternal redemption of HIS people by bearing the shame that should have been theirs and the guilt which was associated with that shame. *“He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”*

Any view of the atonement of CHRIST which makes its effectiveness contingent on the cooperation or ratification of men is foreign to that which is described in the scriptures. As well as any view of it which does not declare its sole purpose to be the redemption of CHRIST’s elect children from sin’s curse and the power of its final effects. CHRIST has borne the reproach of HIS people as their SUBSTITUTE. The ONE who had no sin became sin for them. The ONE who was not guilty became guilty for them. The ONE, who had nothing to be ashamed of, was covered in their shame and in that shame put on display before devils, men, angels, and the gaze of a HOLY GOD’s justice.

CHRIST has borne the reproach of HIS elect bride as her SIN OFFERING or SACRIFICE. *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.”* CHRIST has borne the reproach of HIS people as their SATISFACTION before a HOLY GOD. HE has made a way into the Holy of Holies for them, by HIS presence in the heavens. *“He ever liveth to make intercession for them.”*

CHRIST has borne the reproach of HIS bride as her SANCTIFICATION. *“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”* The sanctification of GOD’s people is not an ongoing activity but rather an accomplished fact. HE is the sum total of their RIGHTEOUSNESS before the throne of GOD. *“we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* What is your covering?

*“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)**