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The perverters of the gospel often misquote the scriptures while appealing to man's natural reason, purporting that they say something which they do not. We have often heard the worshippers of free will, tell us that the scripture says, "Whosoever will may come." While we do not necessarily completely oppose some of the point they are trying to make we are quite sure that this statement can nowhere be found in the scriptures. And we are also certain that we cannot discover anywhere in the scriptures that would describe the ability of men to approach unto GOD in the power of their own free will.

The state of natural man is described quite plainly as being "*dead in trespasses and sins*". "*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*" "*Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:*" Yet these perverters of truth, tell us that a man can come to CHRIST for salvation as easily as he can pick up a box of cereal off of the shelf in the supermarket. But the scriptures tell us, "*There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.*" This is exactly why the LORD told Nicodemus, "*Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*" and why John writes of those who believe, "*Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*" The only way that a man will seek the LORD is if the LORD HIMSELF through the operation of HIS HOLY SPIRIT does make him both able and willing. As the LORD said, "*No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him.*" This is a privilege bestowed upon some according to the good pleasure of GOD and it is quite presumptuous on the part of man for him to think that he either would or could approach unto the LORD apart from the grace of GOD being visited upon him and giving him a mind and heart to desire the things of GOD.

The desire of the sons of GOD is to see the appearing of JESUS CHRIST. "*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*" Therefore the SPIRIT of GOD who leads the sons of GOD into all truth says, "Come, LORD JESUS". The Bride is led to say, "*Even so come LORD JESUS*". This Bride has been chosen and purchased by CHRIST and HE will return to the earth at HIS appointed time to take possession of that which is HIS. Since the delight of the sons of GOD is found in CHRIST, it is fitting that they would desire to see HIM in HIS glory. "*And let him that heareth say, Come.*" These who are purchased are one and the same with those that "hear" HIS word. They are made to "hear" by the operation of the SPIRIT of GOD. "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" So it is fitting that they be exhorted to say, "Come", for HE is the center of their attention, "*Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart fail: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.*" "*Let him that is athirst come*". The LORD JESUS CHRIST is a FOUNTAIN of LIVING WATER. HE said "*If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*" This ONE to whom the SPIRIT and the Bride say come is the source of LIFE itself. HE declared HIMSELF to be so and those that preach the everlasting gospel proclaim it as well.

The SPIRIT compels those to come whose hearts HE prepares to desire this WATER. They are those who thirst after it and HE has promised to supply their every need. "*Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*" If a man thirsts for LIFE, he will have it according to the purpose of GOD. This cannot fail for both HE that calleth and HE that giveth life is ONE and the SAME. "*Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*" "*And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*". It matters not what background or nationality a man may come from, if he is made willing in the day of the LORD's power he may freely take of that which the LORD has provided for him. The LORD calls HIS own sheep by name, causing them to hunger and thirst for HIS righteousness. They know themselves to have no righteousness of their own.

HE does "freely" provide the water of LIFE to all who are the called according to HIS purpose, those who call upon HIS name and come unto GOD by HIM. Are you dying of thirst and know that you have nothing to bring unto HIM? "*Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*"

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