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Paul was never one to mince words and sets forth in no uncertain terms that the LORD JESUS CHRIST is the SAVIOR of sinners. He never indicates that the LORD is trying to save anybody, hoping someone will be saved, or waiting on anyone to let HIM into their heart. HE is that ONE who has purchased eternal redemption for HIS elect, saved HIS own to the uttermost, washed them in HIS own blood; justified them by HIS grace, sanctified them by the offering of HIMSELF; imputed HIS righteousness to them and their sin to HIMSELF, holds them in the palm of HIS mighty hand that they shall never perish, HE ever lives to make intercession for them, upholds all things by the working of HIS mighty power and will receive HIS elect unto HIMSELF to inhabit that place which HE has prepared for them without the aid of man in any fashion.

The message of the true gospel is not a plan or a formula which if men will cooperate with then they will receive blessings in this life or that to come. Rather the true gospel is a magnification of the glory of the blessed GOD. It is a plain message which informs those whom GOD is pleased to enable to hear, that JESUS CHRIST is the SAVIOR of sinners. It is not a message about what HE is trying to do or hopes to do but is a declaration of what HE has already accomplished in the behalf of those who are powerless to save themselves. The true gospel is a proclamation that JESUS CHRIST has completely satisfied the demands of the law which rightly condemns those who have broken its precepts. HE has removed all grounds of condemnation for HIS people and has imputed HIS righteousness to their account. It is an exhortation impelling those who have been given faith to believe its precepts and cast themselves at HIS feet for mercy. It is a sweet balm to them which heals their diseases and calms their troubled conscience.

Those who think the gospel is a formula or plan say that they preach in order to get men saved. Paul was ever aware that the purpose of preaching the gospel was to magnify the glory of GOD in redemption. About his own ministry he said, *“According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.”* The privilege of preaching the gospel is only given to those whom HE has sent. This is a solemn calling and one which must never be entered upon without a due consideration of the glory which belongs to HIM who is worthy of all praise.

The GOD who dwells in the light to which no man can approach is a jealous GOD who will share HIS glory with none. HE intends to manifest the glory of HIS grace in the earth and the ages to come by the unfolding of HIS purpose in redeeming an elect people which HE has loved with an everlasting love. The proclamation of the gospel is a sweet fragrance to the LORD. *“For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ.”* HE takes delight in the exaltation of HIS SON who HE has given a name which is above every name and is pleased to send forth men into the earth to declare HIS glory.

While there are some who are given ears to hear that gospel and take delight in it, (a savor of life unto life) there are others who will not hear it and even despise it (a savor of death unto death) considering it either foolish or unnecessary. Yet the LORD our GOD takes delight in the proclamation of CHRIST’s glory in redemption both in the fact that some are saved and some perish according to HIS eternal counsel and purpose. Who is sufficient for these things? Who can fathom the way and purpose of GOD? Our mouths must be shut and we become silent before HIM as we ponder the awesome glory that belongs to HIM who is the GOD of the dead and the living. All boasting by the creature must come to an end and we find ourselves prostrate and trembling in the dust before HIM who will show mercy to whom HE will show mercy and whom HE will HE will harden. O where shall you appear O sinner, and how shall you know the way of life eternal except that HE in sovereign mercy should be pleased to grant you that life? Where shall be your pride O religious man in the day when HE shall come to judge the quick and the dead? What shall your plea be before HIS awful throne? *“And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?”*

Blest are the souls that hear and know
The gospel’s joyful sound;
Peace shall attend the path they go,
And light their steps surround.
Their joy shall bear their spirits up,
Through their Redeemer’s name;
His righteousness exalts their hope,
Nor Satan dares condemn.
The Lord, our glory and defence,
Strength and salvation gives;
Israel, thy King for ever reigns,
Thy God for ever lives.

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