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Man, by nature is totally incapable of obeying the law of GOD, even though religious men of all stripes and in all ages, have presumed to do so and demanded the same of others, even seeking, in many cases, to make the law stricter than even the LAWGIVER demanded. The Scribes and Pharisees were the epitome of “righteous men”, as men would judge. They tithed faithfully, kept the Sabbath, made many disciples, were skilled in the art of public prayer, and even carried the scriptures with them wherever they went. Yet the LORD said they were farther from entering the kingdom of GOD than the most immoral creatures that they could imagine. *“Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.”*

We know that CHRIST came not to destroy the law in any sense, yet we are certain that HE did satisfy all claims which that law could ever demand, and that the sons of GOD are made free from all condemnation which could ever arise therefrom. The LORD said *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”* Paul describes the liberty which has been brought to the household of GOD, saying, *“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:”*

The LORD has made those for whom HE shed HIS precious blood, to stand in perfect RIGHTEOUSNESS. We rejoice not in conditional covenants which we could never keep, but in HIM who is the KEEPER of the EVERLASTING COVENANT. *“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel -- Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:”* This New Covenant, rests in the power of HIM who has an endless life and has promised to bring deliverance to HIS children apart from any endeavor on their part. HE is the INHERITOR of all things and has made HIS people to be heirs and joint heirs with HIM.

In the book of Jeremiah, we read of a conditional covenant which the LORD made with the house of Israel which they turned from. Jeremiah prophesied unto Zedekiah that they should now preach liberty to the captives and set their servants free. Amazingly, the people did so for a season, but then they reneged on this covenant and brought their servants back into bondage, making their latter end worse than the beginning. The LORD was wroth with them saying that they had polluted HIS NAME by visiting those who were set free, with the same bondage that held them at the first. This is what Paul admonishes the Galatians and Colossians about when he said, *“But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.”* *“Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances.”* (Col 2:20)

Many today speak of the liberty of the sons of GOD, preaching a form of salvation by grace without works, but then they are fearful of “liberty” and seek to bring them back into the bondage that they were under before they knew this freedom in JESUS CHRIST. The station of the sons of GOD is not that of servants, but sons; and they rejoice in the law of the SPIRIT of life in CHRIST JESUS rather than being forced to submit to a law they cannot keep, which is able only to minister condemnation. Their rejoicing is primarily because the same ONE who spoke this “new law” is also the ONE who performs it for them. Paul made his joy known when he said, *“For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”*

The resurrection of JESUS CHRIST testifies to this *“glorious liberty of the sons of GOD”* for we have been given the first fruits of HIS resurrection, in the work of the SPIRIT in us testifying of the HOPE we have in HIM. We presently wait in these mortal bodies (i.e.; the creature) to be set free from mortality, even as we are set free from the condemnation of the law. Are you made free in CHRIST? *“Thy free grace alone,”* #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**