RADIO TRANSCRIPT #30

singing: "Thy mercy my GOD" #11

Welcome friends to another broadcast of "Morsels for Zion's Poor"

The resurrection of CHRIST is the very basis upon which the hope of the sons of GOD rests. If CHRIST be not raised then all of the expectations of the redemption and salvation which HE came to bring, are all nothing more than an illusion and none of HIS promises could be true. HIS claims of being the GIVER of eternal life, would be false, if HE had not the power to lay down HIS life and then take it up again.

The greatest enemy of the sons of GOD is that death which they are made partakers of in the first Adam who passed his sin to everyone of his posterity. The resultant curse of this sin is death, from whence there is no escape since the law demands that every soul who sins should die the death appointed by it. In order for a man to escape its clutches, he must be completely and totally without sin of any kind, for the "wages of sin is death".

More importantly, if he should pay the wages of sin, he must be able to triumph over it in his mortal body, or else he could not in any wise escape it and enjoy the benefits of that kingdom of righteousness in which none but the righteous shall dwell. The performance of this task is completely impossible, for any who are worthy of that death and are in fact dead already, for death itself would have to be destroyed in order for such to occur.

Thus did that glorious SUBSTITUTE, our LORD JESUS CHRIST, completely without sin of HIS own, take upon HIMSELF the sin of HIS elect bride, tasting death for her, paying her debt completely and then taking death itself by the throat and extinguishing its very power to destroy by triumphing over it.

The glorious message of the gospel is found in the declaration of HIS complete and utter triumph over all of the enemies of the elect of GOD, death itself being the chief. Thus we read that HE has abolished death.

The sons of GOD are "awakened" from a state of being dead in trespasses and sins by the same power that raised CHRIST from the dead, and are caused, by the SPIRIT's power to hear the glorious good news of the gospel. This ministers to them that "hope of HIS calling." This "hope of HIS calling", is that which has CHRIST as its MESSAGE and MESSENGER..

This "hope of HIS <u>calling</u>:", can only be heard by those who are appointed and prepared to hear it and is administered by HIM to them as HE said in John 6:44, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day."

The "hope of HIS calling" is that which testifies of the "riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints". By HIS redemptive work declared by the power of HIS resurrection HE has procured for HIS people the privilege of being made "heirs and joint heirs with CHRIST".

This "inheritance" is first HIS by reason of that covenant of redemption wherein HE claimed that which was rightfully HIS, given to HIM by HIS FATHER.

This possession which is rightfully HIS by covenant promise is also HIS by the purchase of HIS own blood, wherein HE has been pleased to make HIS elect the inheritors of all of its benefits.

Thus HIS inheritance is manifested in the "saints of GOD", that precious possession, and thereby they are made partakers of the riches of that which they are the exact object of. As Pau said to the Ephesians "HE hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Eph 1:3) This is the riches of HIS glory in the saints.

The only way that those who are dead in trespasses and sins could ever be the inheritors of such mercy and the riches of HIS grace is by the operation of the same power which raised CHRIST from the dead. That same SPIRIT which quickened the dead body of our LORD is the same ONE who visits HIS people at the appointed time and gives them a "birth from above" according to the mighty working of HIS power. Thus HE brings the dead to life and grants faith to believe that which HE is pleased to deliver to them.

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