

RADIO TRANSCRIPT #3

singing : O Mighty Cross (1st verse)

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

The Apostle Paul summed up the gospel in a few short words when he said, “GOD forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.”

Whenever the cross of CHRIST is mentioned, the thoughts of many go to a couple of pieces of wood which were raised on a Judean hillside. It is quite popular to wear the symbol of a cross as a piece of jewelry or to display it on meeting houses around the countryside. It is the subject of many songs and often mentioned in sermons and prayers.

Yet when Paul referred to the cross, he was not thinking of the wood, its shape, or its location, but rather the ONE who hung upon that cross and what HE accomplished there.

Most of those who profess to be the followers of CHRIST would testify that JESUS of Nazareth died on a Roman cross in order to pay for the sins of mankind. They believe that HE is a noble example of self-sacrifice and love to humanity.

However, to mention the cross apart from exalting the ONE who hung there is to miss the glory of the cross and make it but an idol. To refer to the work of CHRIST on the cross and fail to declare the totality of the work which he absolutely accomplished and finished there is to make the cross of none effect and reduce the SAVIOR’s work of redemption to a mere attempt at or a part of the salvation of men rather than its totality.

The writer of the epistle to the Hebrews had no doubt as to what the LORD JESUS did when HE suffered, bled, and died upon that cruel instrument of death. “By his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.” He goes on to say “For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.”

This is quite in contrast with the popular message of today which says that CHRIST died in an attempt to save all men, but in reality actually procured the salvation of none since HE can only wring HIS hands in anguish hoping that some will be saved by adding their faith and making salvation complete. This is a total juxtaposition of scriptural salvation and is a perversion of the truth; making a man’s salvation ultimately dependent on HIS decision to receive it rather than resting in a transaction carried out by JESUS CHRIST alone.

When the angel appeared to Joseph and told him, “Thou shalt call HIS name, JESUS, for HE shall save HIS people from their sin.” He did not say HE will make an attempt to save all men, but rather, HE shall indeed save those for which HE came into the world to save.

The cross of CHRIST is a beacon of hope for helpless and mourning sinners. It is here that the sinless SON of GOD hung between heaven and earth as a sacrificial LAMB. It is here that HE actually took the sins of HIS people, and completely paid their sin debt, leaving them nothing to owe. HE is the SAVIOR of sinners, ONE who is mighty to save and does in HIS own time awaken those whose debt HE has settled causing them to flee to HIM for refuge. “For whosoever believeth in HIM shall not perish, but have everlasting life.”

This life is bestowed upon dead sinners according to the same grace that moved the spotless LAMB of GOD to give HIMSELF as an OFFERING for sin, once and for all. JESUS CHRIST has purchased the eternal redemption of HIS elect children by HIS death on Calvary’s cross. HE gives unto them eternal life and they shall never perish.

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