

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

In his letter to Timothy Paul says, “*Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned.*” Now we are quite convinced that there is no “true” faith which is “feigned” (i.e.; faked or false) but he is contrasting this kind of faith (which is of a Divine origin) with that which false disciples produce as a substitute which they purport to be true faith but is the mere product of human religion. He does the same here in this passage when he speaks about those that love the LORD JESUS CHRIST in sincerity. True love is always “sincere”. “*Charity never faileth.*” A mother loves her child in sincerity, that is, she does not do so because she will gain anything nor does she do so in order to be seen as a good mother. She loves her child because she can do nothing else. It is not a matter of choice but a matter of desire which she cannot escape.

Paul says that grace is operable in all those who love CHRIST in “sincerity” because the only way that a man or woman can do so is that grace has constrained them to. That man who is a recipient of the gift of the new birth cannot decide not to love CHRIST anymore than the mother can decide not to love her child. Those who love HIM in sincerity are those who :

Delight in HIS commandments. HE said , “*if ye love me, keep my commandments.*” The things HE has instructed us to do which are much more pervasive than the “ten commandments” which is the embodiment of the old testament law. “*Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.*” This law is more difficult than the “ten commandments” which when spiritually understood will slay all who look at them. Even though we find no comfort in the law and it constantly reveals our innate sinfulness yet we cannot help but delight ourselves in its beauty and rejoice in its holiness.

Delight in HIS righteousness. “*I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.*” The stumbling block of religious men is that they go about to establish a righteousness of their own. Those who have been born of the SPIRIT are not only quite satisfied with HIS righteousness imputed to their account but they are extremely displeased with any thought that would attribute some acceptance with HIM based on any righteousness discovered in them. (A hatred of self righteousness is evident in those who have been given faith in CHRIST alone.) That man who is a new creature in CHRIST is well acquainted that “*in my flesh dwelleth no good thing*”.

Delight in HIS redemptive work. “*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*” One cannot despise what CHRIST has done and love HIM. HE came to save HIS people from their sins and HE has exactly accomplished that. HE has not provided some generic, cooperative, opportunity for salvation for all men but HE has obtained eternal redemption for HIS elect and they shall never perish because of that which HE has accomplished for them.

Delight in HIS glory as the only true GOD. “*Jesus saith Phillip*”*he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?* We wait for no greater revelation, for HE has revealed HIMSELF. “*For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*” HE is the fullness of the GODHEAD bodily.

Delight in HIS resurrection. The blessedness of HIS resurrection is not just found in the promise contained therein of the resurrection of our own bodies, but the fact that HE has raised us to the newness of life in the present hour. So that Paul might say, “*According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*” “*For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.*” What great and precious promises are delivered unto us!

Delight in HIS return. “*Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*” “*He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.*” Do you look for HIM?

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