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Anyone can read the bible and see the wonders of nature, but few are given grace to behold the glory of its AUTHOR. Anyone can be exposed to the preaching of the Gospel, but few are given grace to behold the SUBJECT of that Gospel. In fact this is the very reason that Paul says; GOD is pleased to remain hidden *“For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”* It is demonstrated also in the LORD’s rejoicing in the work of the FATHER, *“In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it seemed good in thy sight.”*

HE is clearly not a GOD who is trying to get men to notice HIM and somehow frustrated in that quest.. Rather HE is so resplendent in HIS holiness and glory that it is impossible for a man to see HIM as HE is. This makes HIS determination to show mercy to some all the more glorious when one considers that it is impossible for any of HIS creatures to approach HIM apart from the bestowal of that sovereign mercy. That HE would condescend to help any is profoundly remarkable and is designed to stir up the thankfulness of those who are made to know the depths and experience of that mercy.

It is with this knowledge in mind that Paul writes with amazement, *“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.”* The same creative power that was demonstrated in the creation of the heavens is necessarily displayed in the creation of life and light in the children of GOD who are reborn by HIS SPIRIT as new creatures. HE commanded the light to shine when the sun first sparkled and emitted its light, but the light did not originate from the sun but the sun received its light from HIM who said *“Let there be light: and there was light.”* *“This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”*

In the same fashion HE *“hath shined in our hearts”* and given us light, if indeed we be those who behold JESUS CHRIST as that ONE *“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell.”* The world looks at HIM and has but a passing interest, content with loaves and fishes but those who have been given eyes to see HIM as HE is must fall down and worship HIM in adoring wonder. Thus Peter testified, *“Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.”*

That glory which could in no wise be looked upon by men, HE has been pleased to reveal in utter clarity in the PERSON of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. We have looked on HIM and lived as HE declared unto Phillip, *“he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Show us the Father?”* *“No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.”* All that the children of GOD could ever need to know about the eternal GOD has been set forth before us in CHRIST, *“For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power.”* HE has not only been pleased to reveal to us HIS glory but to make provisions for us to enjoy HIS presence forever. *“Ye are in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:-- He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.”*

*“God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.”* Those who have seen HIM face to face delight in the prospect of spending eternity praising HIS name and rejoicing in HIS glory for HE has been pleased to reveal HIMSELF to them as the GOD of all glory and praise. *“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, --And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”*

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