

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Exodus 20:1-17 & 1 Cor 1:17-2:9

**SINGING:** 266:1-3 – 428:5 – 112:1-4 – 159:1-4 – 87:1-3

Opening observation

- The Gospel message is the greatest mystery (Luke 18:34)
  
- When Spirit of God reveals that mystery, our hearts shall burn like the men to Emmaus (Luke 24:32)

**GOD'S REMEDY FOR LOST SINNERS IN HIS OWN SON JESUS CHRIST**

I. He is the sum of God's wisdom II He is the gift of God's provision

**I. GOD'S REMEDY IN JESUS CHRIST: HE IS THE SUM OF GOD'S WISDOM**

A. First the bad news: *since we fell, are guilty and depraved, our case is totally hopeless and helpless in human terms*

B. But the good news: *God gave One able to save us to the uttermost*

1. Paul calls Him *the power and the wisdom of God* (1 Cor. 1:24)

a. power refers to His divine nature (q. 17, 18)

b. wisdom points to *His human and divine nature* (q. 16)

2. If we are to be saved, it can never be at the expense of God's glory

3. To make salvation possible in a way that glorifies God, He made

Jesus Christ the most suitable and sufficient Savior for His people

a. He is not *man's idea or solution but He is all of God's wisdom!*

b. why is He called the 'wisdom of God?'

C. Come sinners: *Behold Him – behold Him: the Gift of God's Wisdom!*

1. Are you struggling with "*How can I be saved from so much guilt?*"

2. Do you struggle "*But what do I bring for I have and am nothing?*"

**II. HE IS THE GIFT OF GOD'S PROVISION**

A. There is no greater blessing than *to become truly poor and needy*

1. Yet this discovery is *no comfortable but a fearful awareness*

2. But only in this discovery will you begin to heed the good news!

- B. The glad tidings: *in our Lord Jesus Christ God has provided all we as poor and needy, guilty and naked, helpless and hopeless sinners need!*
1. He is made of God *righteousness: behold the LORD our righteousness*
    - a. righteousness is His ‘passive and active *obedience*’ which is as a woven garment of righteousness
  
    - b. nothing needs to be added – may or can be added (dishonor)
  
    - c. pride hinders us more than we realize though there also be fear
  
  2. He is made of God *sanctification*
    - a. naked truth is that *without holiness no man shall see God*
  
    - b. we have no shred of holiness within us
  
    - c. but ‘how does His righteousness & sanctification become mine?’
      - by faith which Holy Spirit kindles in our hearts
  
  3. He is made of God *redemption: in Him God provided ...*
    - a. freedom from curse of Law
  
    - b. freedom *from our obligation to satisfy the demands of the law*
  
    - c. freedom from the *power of sin*
  
    - d. freedom from *power of death and Satan*

Closing Question of Jesus: *Will ye also go away?*

### **PEARLS OF TRUTH ON JESUS DEITY AND HUMANITY**

Christ’s humanity is the great hem of His garment through which we can touch His humanity. (R. Glover)

In Christ Jesus heaven meets earth and earth ascends to heaven. (H. Law)

He suffered not as God but He suffered Who was God. (John Owen)

Because Christ was God, He underwent a suffering that was absolutely infinite in value. (Augustine)