*Monday, April 29, 2013*

**Corinthians**

John 3:1-3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (KJV)

The plan of salvation that the Lord came to this planet to reveal to mankind is Spiritual in nature; it cannot be understood by carnal reasoning or interpretations, and as we see illustrated above, a ruler as well as a teacher of the Jews was still in the dark concerning this new way of life that the Lord was presenting to mankind.

John 3:4-6 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (KJV)

When I look at verse 4 I think of the word denominations, where man puts his own spin on how he thinks God’s plan of salvation works. Mankind is limited by their carnal minds and keep trying to drag God back down to their level of thinking rather than learning to rise up to His realm and see things from his perspective. In order to see things from his perspective it takes what the Bible calls, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened so we can see into the realm of the Spirit. Step one is arriving in the flesh by being born. Step two is being born again, this time in the Spirit, and then learning to walk and talk all over again by faith.

John 3:7-9 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? (KJV)

Spiritual things cannot be explained to carnal people because without the Lord personally revealing it to them through His Spirit many will end up misled by their carnal thinking. This is why when one looks around we see so many different religions and doctrines based on what man thinks and not on what the Lord is revealing.

Mark 4:11-12 And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: 12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. (KJV)

The term mystery is mentioned throughout the New Testament, and it is up to you the believer, to find out the true interpretation in the Spirit so that you can go beyond the realm of the flesh, from and what you think to what you know. In closing, allow the Lord to open up your spiritual eyes and ears so you can find out for yourself the true meaning and interpretation of the plan of salvation that the Lord has mapped out for you.

God bless dearly loved, and have a very prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.