*Wednesday, January 30, 2013*

**Daily Bread for Life**

2 Corinthians 4:15-18 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God. 16 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. KJV

An inward renewing of the mind will remind you of everything that we already have, and not have you looking elsewhere for peace and contentment. The more you see things through the eyes of your Spiritual understanding the less you will influenced by the outward appearance. When someone faints they fall over and are unconscious, needing to be revived again.

Ephesians 1:2-3 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: KJV

Not only has God blessed His people with all spiritual blessings, but Paul desired to bless the Lord in return. One of the most effective ways of doing that is by giving thanks unto our Father for all that we have been blessed with already; even for some of the things we are not even aware of yet. When you were in the realm of the flesh before your conversion in Christ you were limited and unable to walk in victory which was available and there for the taking. Now that you have known God and are known of Him, a shout out His way in the form of thanksgiving can go a long way toward pleasing Him.

1 Corinthians 10:9-11 Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. 10 Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. KJV

The flip side of thanksgiving would fall under the category of murmuring, complaining and grumbling. Now I can understand the frustration before a conversion in Christ, trying to do things on our own, seeking peace in the outward rather than the inward. However, once you accepted the Lord into your life and experienced His peace, well let’s just say this is the end of the innocence when it comes to the complaint department.

Luke 17:20-21 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. KJV

Once the outward man perishes well so does the murmuring. The kingdom of God will not be experienced in the outward, rather inwardly, which is why every day should be one of constant thanksgiving.

Dearly loved, continue in thanksgiving for all that God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ has done and continues to do on our behalf. God bless.