*Friday, June 24, 2011*

**Declaration Of Independence**

Isaiah 46:10-13 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: (11) Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it. (12) Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted that are far from righteousness: (13) I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory. (KJV)

We have seen all this week what God can do, and that His promises are a done deal with an eternal outcome to those that hold fast. What we find missing in the equation for many is their lack of faith, not patiently waiting on the Lord and letting His word manifest the way that He intended for it to. It’s this lack of trust and patience that causes many to fall away and depart from the path of faith and back to a dead end which will lead to a ditch with the rest of their blind followers.

James 1:4-7 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. (5) If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (6) But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. (7) For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. (KJV)

That doesn’t sound like a straight and narrow path when one is wavering back and forth; kind of like the term lukewarm, where we take a little from the Bible and little from the world’s way of thinking and try to combine the two. What you end up with is a formula for disaster.

Luke 8:14-15 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. (15) But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (KJV)

What we really wanted to point out this week is not just the beginning of our walk with the Lord but what it is going to take to make it to the end. Your Bible is very specific in the fact that beginning with the Lord is one thing, however, it’s those that finish with Him that are the only ones that will truly inherit eternal life.

Psalms 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the LORD; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. (2) He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. (3) And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD. (KJV)

Remember that ditch you were in because you chose to follow the world’s way of thinking, as well as all those worldly pastors? The Lord brought you out of that muck and mire so that you could walk a new path that would bring about new results. Ever hear interviews of people that are successful and victorious in life, doesn’t it just gush out of them like rivers of living waters? Isn’t that the reality of what our Lord intended for His people, if only they would be patient and allow it to happen?

James 5:7-9 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. (8) Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. (9) Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door. (KJV)

You know that knocking that is coming from the door of your heart? Yeah, why don’t you open up and see what is taking place above so that you won’t be frustrated with what others have settled for below here.

Revelation 21:4-7 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. (5) And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. (6) And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. (7) He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. (KJV)

Oh Church, how close we really are to our reward of inheritance and yet how far away we get when we fall for the lies and cheap imitations of the enemy. The same God that wrote the beginning of your walk has a wonderful ending for it. Will you be there to accept your reward?