*Wednesday, July 6, 2011*

**Flesh And Blood**

Galatians 1:14-16 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. (15) But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, (16) To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (KJV)

Paul’s lifeline, or should I say umbilical cord, was attached to something old and outdated, and was actually sucking the life out of him instead of bringing him peace. Many of God’s people are still attached to things or people that are not building them up but rather are keeping them in an old frame of mind. Many times you will find that in order to be set free you will need to separate from anything or anyone that has strings attached so to speak. Many times these cords end up wrapped around your neck, and will eventually choke you if not cut off.

2Corinthians 6:16-18 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (17) Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, (18) And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (KJV)

Have you ever tried talking to someone and they were on a cell phone? How about people that don’t pay attention and you know they didn’t hear a word you said? Well our Lord would like your undivided attention as well, and in order to get that attention you will need to make sure that He has your undivided one. You will find that many of these people that you dealt with in the past didn’t have the answer you were looking for; instead they were more concerned with your outward well being and appearance rather than the inward one. Some of these organizations you were attending before your conversion in Christ were causing more harm than good. If you notice above, it’s not until you come out and away from these things or people that God will accept you and then work with you. Many of God’s people spend too much time hanging onto the old, and don’t partake of the new.

Hebrews 7:23-26 And they truly were many priests, because they were not suffered to continue by reason of death: (24) But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. (25) Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. (26) For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; (KJV)

I myself was involved with an organization in the past where they had priests that claimed that they had the answer from God. However, as I found out, like Paul did, it wasn’t until I came out and separated from this junk that God accepted me as one of His people. As you see by the example of our Lord that He too kept Himself separate from those that professed to know God but in works denied Him. It’s not until you allow the sword of the Spirit to cut off any hindrance of the flesh that you will be able to move forward in your walk.

Romans 8:35-37 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (37) Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. (KJV)

Things don’t always appear so rosy to the outward man; however, if you rely more on your inward Spiritual senses then you will be able to sense the victory that we truly have in Christ. Do you desire to truly be more than a conqueror, or have you allowed something or someone else to have more of an influence on you today?

Matthew 18:7-9 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! (8) Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire. (9) And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire. (KJV)

You may have become accustomed to doing things a certain way all of your life, or seeing things a certain way, however, once you have been enlightened to the truth then it is time to cut off and separate yourself from the old way. Yes as painful as it is, afterwards it will yield the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those that are more willing to please our God in heaven than those of this world.