*Friday, July 8, 2011*

**Flesh And Blood**

Matthew 16:16-18 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

Peter gave this answer after numerous other ones were thrown out there. You will find that if you desire to continue your walk in the Spirit then you will need to be getting your information first hand from the source and no longer relying on flesh and blood. It is the name of Christ that is described as being ‘the rock’ that the gates of hell would no longer prevail against.

John 3:6-8 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) 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. (KJV)

What I have seen happen, as well as experienced myself, is that one will get born again and experience life in the realm of the Spirit but then fall back to the flesh thinking that this realm is where they will find perfection. It is vital not only to begin in the Spirit but you will need to continue in this realm if you truly intend on inheriting eternal life. A life in the Spirit is going to be totally different from the one you were accustomed to in the past; and like the wind, just because many can’t see it doesn’t mean it is not real.

1Corinthians 2:14-16 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (KJV)

How many names have you heard that man claims are of God? Your natural man will not be able to understand or comprehend the things of the Spirit. However, once you are born again it is up to you to exercise your Spiritual senses, and know what is of God and what is not. People will not be able to understand your new life in Christ, that is why they cannot make an accurate judgment of who you really are, so don’t waste your time trying to explain it or put it into words. Only those that are born again will understand what you are speaking about, because they too have the mind of Christ.

Hebrews 5:11-14 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. (12) For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (13) For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. (14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (KJV)

Can you honestly say that you are getting your information concerning salvation first hand from Christ Himself, or are you like many others that rely on second hand information? If you don’t exercise your carnal man then you will become weak and sickly, which the same premise holds true spiritually as well. How many things would the Lord like to reveal to you personally if you would only learn to rely more on the unseen and less on what is, and what I would describe as, obscene?

2Timothy 2:19-21 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (20) But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. (21) If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. (KJV)

The foundation of God stands sure; and so do all those that put their faith and trust in the name of Christ. We have talked this week about our entrance into the kingdom of God, and that it will take more than a flesh and blood resume to gain access. It would do you well to examine yourself, and make sure that you are not hanging onto any dead weight of the flesh and blood realm that is having more of an influence on you than our Lord. God bless Church, and stay fit and ready for the Master’s use.