*Monday, May 20, 2013*

**Galatians**

Galatians 1:11-14 But I certify you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. 13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. (KJV)

While Paul was being encouraged from above, having received the revelation of Christ firsthand, many were trying to discredit the message by pointing the people to his past. The enemy will try to get you pointed backwards too so that instead of dealing with now faith, you end up wrestling with flesh and blood.

Philippians 3:4-7 Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: 5 Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 Concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. 7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. (KJV)

So you think you have a past; Paul dealt with his past straight up and came clean before God. Those things that Paul thought were so impressive may have been a crowd favorite at the time, but when it came to what the Lord thought, it wasn’t happening. You may have been brought up in a popular religion based on what man thought, and not sound doctrine, only to find out that all those so called good deeds you were doing are now considered in the loss column.

2 Corinthians 11:22-24 Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. 23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. 24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. (KJV)

It didn’t take long for his former comrades to turn on him did it? In fact all these sufferings were coming through those that he used to work with, supposedly in the name of the Lord. Don’t think it so strange if you encounter some heat; it is just a confirmation that you are on the right path.

2 Timothy 3:10-13 But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, charity, patience, 11 Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. (KJV)

Some desire to be used by the Lord when it comes time for the blessings; however, one should read the fine print before asking for something they may not be ready to commit to. The revelation of Christ comes with some great benefits, and is the only doctrine the Lord approves of. This same doctrine also puts a bull’s eye target on you when you deliver a message based on Spirit and truth; and don’t think it will get any better, especially in these last days, because the deceptions are only getting worse.

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