*Monday, March 31, 2014*

**Good and Evil**

Genesis 2:15-17 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou may freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shall not eat of it: for in the day that thou eat thereof thou shall surely die. (KJV)

Man was given simple instructions on what God said He would consider good and what was evil. Today we all have the same choice; and as we will see throughout the Word we need to know for ourselves what God says is good and in play and what He says is evil and should be refused.

Genesis 3:6-8 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. 7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. (KJV)

The enemy tried to convince Adam and Eve that they wouldn’t die if they partook of the forbidden fruit; he convinced them that God was holding out on them, sound familiar? How many times have you prayed for something and then instead of waiting for it to manifest, decided to indulge in it anyway?

In essence man did die, because as we see above Adam realized that he was exposed and spiritually naked which is why he tried to cover up not only the outward man, but also tried to hide from the voice of the Lord that was calling him. Not much has changed over time has it?

Romans 7:8-11 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. 9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death. 11 For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me. (KJV)

Paul the apostle found out that the tree of knowledge of good and evil was manifesting itself again through the old law. Paul found out the hard way that even though he had a born again experience he was taken down by the works of the law. I have seen so many born again believers who have experienced the same thing; they profess to know God, but in works deny Him all over again and are dying spiritually.

Galatians 3:10-11 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, the just shall live by faith. (KJV)

Many like Adam begin so well, but then end up on the outside looking back in because they no longer live by faith in what our Lord has done on their behalf; instead they try to live by what they think they need to be doing on His behalf.

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