*Friday, April 4, 2014*

**Good and Evil**

Genesis 3:22-23 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever: 23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. (KJV)

Despite the first man Adam falling away by partaking of the forbidden fruit, we as born again believers have access to the tree of life. Basically there is nothing new under the sun, but all things have become new under God’s Son.

Proverbs 15:3-4 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. 4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. (KJV)

When you decide to partake of the tree of life, then the words you speak will be spirit and life.

Proverbs 3:13-18 Happy is the man that finds wisdom, and the man that gets understanding. 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retains her. (KJV)

Why are so many of God’s people chasing the things of this life instead of partaking of the tree of life? The Bible says this wisdom is more precious than silver and gold, yet most of what I hear coming from pulpits today is just the opposite.

Colossians 3:2-4 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. (KJV)

What are you really rooted and grounded in today, the things above or things that will keep you in bondage?

2 Timothy 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that wars entangles himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. (KJV)

Ask yourself honestly, what gets most of your undivided attention, the things above or are you wrapped up with the nonsense of this realm?

John 15:4-6 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (KJV)

If you stay attached to the tree of life, which is Christ, you will not get lit up and torched by the enemy anymore.

John 14:5-6 Thomas says unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goes; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (KJV)

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