*Thursday, August 4, 2011*

**Grace Works**

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, (12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; (13) Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; (14) Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (KJV)

You know I need to address this issue concerning the grace of God and the free gift that He poured out upon all. There are those that fuss about people that they claim have never heard about God and His gift of grace, and there are even some who hit the people up for loot so that they can go someplace where the people have never heard. Well God didn’t leave anything to chance, and His word is quite clear in the fact that He has let mankind know personally about salvation. Now we as believers need to be zealous of good works.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; (18) That they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; (19) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life. (KJV)

For all those who are not rich according to man’s standards, that’s alright, because God chose the poor of this world rich in faith. Our Lord would like us to be rich in good works distributing to the necessity of His saints. That does take a step of faith so that we can stay in good standing with our Father and truly grab a hold of eternal life.

John 14:10-12 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. (11) Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. (12) Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. (KJV)

Wow, what a statement to be able to make faithfully, knowing that you not only spoke about God but were able to actually demonstrate His works. Many are known for their much speaking; however, few are really known more for their walk than their talk. Given the fact that there is only one that is considered good, well then the works that you are doing should be the ones that He is doing through you.

John 6:26-28 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. (27) Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. (28) Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? (KJV)

You will find this happening a lot within the so called Christian realm. Many will claim that they are followers of the Lord, but only because they get their belly filled or they are seeking God for a better life in the outward realm. However, our Lord narrowed His plan of salvation to that of grace; where you believe more in what He has done for the inward man.

John 6:29-30 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. (30) They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? (KJV)

Very simple and summed up well in verse 29, as well as singled down to a simple belief in the work that our Lord did on our behalf to get us access to His kingdom and the work that He desires to do through us, if we would only let Him. Oh, and what does mankind do; well they go looking for an outward sign rather than looking inward. Sound familiar?