*Monday, November 18, 2013*

**Great**

John 5:19-21 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he sees the Father do: for what things so ever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. 20 For the Father loves the Son, and showed him all things that himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raises up the dead, and quickened them; even so the Son quickens whom he will. (KJV)

In this fallen world we are surrounded with many who will stop at nothing to achieve what they think is greatness. We see the term great as well as greater throughout the Bible, however, this greater realm is not found in the outward. So many miss out because they are still trying to achieve what man says is greatness, measuring greatness by outward things, like having a big following. Nothing could be further from the truth, because all of mankind has access to true greatness when they receive the things of God and put them into practice in their walk.

Galatians 5:22-24 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (KJV)

Before your conversion in Christ you were not partaking of the fruit of the Spirit. The things you see listed above cannot be bought on-line, or found on an end cap at Wal-Mart. For those that have truly tasted and have partaken of this fruit they know that nothing else comes close, it’s the greatest gift available. However, in order to keep bearing fruit in your life you will have to keep your old nature dead, died and buried.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envying, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (KJV)

In this fallen world greatness is based on ‘what have you done for me lately’, and once you are no longer considered an asset you will be kicked to the curb. The realm of the Spirit is so much greater than that of the flesh. The realm of the Spirit promises us eternal life without the strife. The realm of the Spirit has no sickness or death; it’s a realm where no weapon formed against you will prosper. This fallen life has such big expectations that will never satisfy and always leaves one lacking. The word of God is the only thing that can satisfy that inward hunger and void without the hangover of sin.

Psalms 145:3-6 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts. 5 I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works. 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness. (KJV)

Is your goal to achieve greatness in this life? Well, why not go to the greatest source and see how much greater His realm is than this limited fallen one has to offer.

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