*Monday, June 16, 2014*

**I Knew Him Not**

John 1:29-32 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world. 30 This is he of whom I said, after me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. (KJV)

Before my own conversion in Christ, I too like John did not know the Lord personally. Even though he knew according to the flesh this man was his cousin, he didn’t fully comprehend who He really was.

John 1:32-34 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, upon whom thou shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (KJV)

Take note that water baptism was John’s calling and ministry so that the Lord could be manifest to the Israelites. However, there is a new baptism which has, or should have taken over; it involves the realm of the Spirit which is why many are missing it. John knew this man Jesus of Nazareth after the flesh, but it was the Son of God, Christ within Jesus of Nazareth, that John did not know personally because at the time the Spirit had not been poured out and John had not been born again. Today we see those who still carry out the outward version of baptism and have not truly seen into the realm of the Spirit where our Lord is now operating.

John 1:18-20 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. 19 And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, who art thou? 20 And he confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ. (KJV)

The carnal mind cannot see or comprehend the realm of the Spirit; which is why many are in the dark concerning who our Lord is and His name. Many today, just like in the time of John the Baptist, only see and understand Jesus the man after the flesh without knowing who the Son of God is who was residing within. I to this day cannot for the life of me understand why people swear up and down that Jesus himself was God when the Word is clear to point out that God sent His Son to declare Him. That must be why the Lord said the blind are leading the blind into a ditch.

1 Corinthians 15:47-50 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (KJV)

The second Adam was the first born again man who is a spiritual being. You will need more than a flesh and blood understanding in order for you to inherit eternal life. So Church let’s get rid of the spiritual blinders and start looking within, so that you are not left without.

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