*Monday, March 21, 2011*

**It Takes Two**

John 3:5-7 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (KJV)

Jesus of Nazareth was an interesting man because He was the first born again man to walk in this realm and live a life without sinning. We see that this man was giving Nicodemus, a teacher of the old law, a new lesson concerning salvation and what was about to take place for mankind, that being a born again experience. In order to truly understand the word of God and His plan of salvation you will need to look beyond the realm of the flesh and into the one that pertains to the Spirit in order to understand the mystery of the gospel.

Galatians 5:16-18 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (17) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. (18) But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. (KJV)

Okay Church, just because you got born again doesn’t mean you’re lower fallen nature disappeared, rather you now have access to some weapons of warfare that are Spiritual, that are able to overcome the influence of the enemy. Now believe it or not, Jesus of Nazareth had a lower nature that had to be dealt with and overcome also or He would not have been able to accomplish all that was required concerning the sacrifice for mankind. This week we want to get you to look beyond the outward man, and come to a better understanding of the new man that took up residence right inside of you once you accepted our Lord and His plan of salvation.

Luke 2:8-12 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. (9) And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. (10) And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. (11) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (12) And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. (KJV)

Every year in December many will portray this birth in a manger scene, portraying a newborn babe which was born after the flesh. However, there was an angel that proclaimed something or should I say someone deeper within this child, who is described as Christ the Lord, that which is born of the Spirit. Many today only give half the answer to the mystery of the gospel describing only Jesus as their savior, leaving out the most important part of the equation which is Christ, the Spirit working within this man.

Luke 2:25-26 And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. (26) And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. (KJV)

As we see illustrated again later in this chapter, the Holy Ghost was revealing to Simeon as well that there was more to this child than just meets the eye.

Luke 2:27-30 And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, (28) Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said, (29) Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: (30) For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, (KJV)

Are you willing to let the Spirit lead and guide you into the truth of the gospel, or are you settling for second hand incomplete answers to the mystery of the gospel. For those that are led by the Spirit they are able to see beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit to get a complete understanding of who the Son of God is, and what name He goes by. It takes two to understand who the one new man is.