*Thursday, April 7, 2011*

**Just Off Broadway**

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

Have you noticed how off center and out of whack this world has become? The Bible tells us that perilous times are coming, because rather than follow a straight and narrow path, many have chosen the broad way; kind of like a super highway where the faster they go the worse the wrecks.

John 5:30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (KJV)

Words spoken by our Lord while He walked this planet and demonstrated what would happen to those that would follow in His footsteps. Salvation truly is a totally new experience, because we are now seeking the will of our Father and should no longer be so concerned anymore with our own. You will notice to, that in order to be justified and make the right judgments in life, that is the place that you will need to be in order to be in good standing with our Lord. Although this may not seem the most popular path too many, there are still a few who realize where our Lord ended up and how He got there.

Colossians 4:1-2 Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. (2) Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; (KJV)

What if everyone caught on to the verses above, do you think that we would see so much strife and contention taking place all around us? How about in your own walk; do you give what is just and equal to others, or just enough to get by? Yeah, it may sound trivial or nitpicky, but it doesn’t take much leaven in the lump to get it out of balance does it?

Philippians 4:7-9 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (8) Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (9) Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. (KJV)

You know, when your heart starts to convict you, when you know something is not exactly right, that is when you have gotten off the narrow path and are back on the broad one. Letting the peace of God totally rule in all your walk will keep you on a peaceable path, and not one that leads to darkness. A daily renewing of the mind will also go a long way toward leading you to where you need to be today; otherwise you will start entertaining thoughts and ways that are untrue and misleading.

Romans 2:13-15 (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. (14) For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: (15) Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) (KJV)

We are surrounded in this fallen world by those who rather than seek justification from God, they settle rather to please their own carnal desires instead. It’s up to you the believer to not only hear and know the truth, but then get out there and walk that path as well. There is a new law in place, which is described as the law of faith, and the only one that our Lord gives credence to, because whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Zephaniah 3:5 The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. (KJV)

The Lord is consistent and unwavering. Our Lord will never leave us nor forsake us, and will never fail us in a time of need. It’s time that we as true believers in Christ are able to make the same statement as well, and not in just talk but walk.