*Monday, October 11, 2010*

**Mission Impossible**

Hebrews 6:4-6 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, (5) And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, (6) If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (KJV)

I have heard many question these verses in Hebrews, some wondering if they have sinned is there no way to return to good standing with our Father in heaven again. Hopefully this week by concentrating on a few simple words the confusion can be eliminated, and some simple truth or light of the gospel of Christ can be shed on this topic. Let’s begin with the word impossible, and see what falls in that category.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV)

Anything outside the realm of faith, hearing personally from our Lord on a daily basis will not work people. Also the fact is that any works of the law that one thinks are still in play will also put you in the category of impossible, a realm that our Lord does not operate in. That is why one will no longer be moving forward in their walk with the Lord, there cannot be a renewing of the mind when one is still holding to the old, because along with the works of the old law is the curse as well.

Romans 9:31-33 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. (32) Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone; (33) As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. (KJV)

Ever see the police shows where they are in pursuit of a vehicle on the run, and they put down what they refer to as a tire strap across the road that blows out the tires? Well Church, anything outside of the realm of faith is a blowout as well, because it will shut the believer down in their tracks, and they will no longer be moving forward in their walk with Lord, but rather they end up under arrest again to the old law and its fallen ways.

Galatians 3:10-11 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. (11) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. (KJV)

Please get this simple point across in your heart Church, the just shall now live by faith, period; nothing else will work, but rather anything outside the realm of faith will actually end up working against you and no longer for you. There is nothing under the old law that can bring a renewing to the new man that you should be in Christ, and until you get past this point your walk will end up in vain, not getting to the destination that our Lord died to get you to.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast. (KJV)

Until we get self out of the way we cannot be renewed with the mind of Christ, because the Lord does not operate according to the flesh or any of the works that manifest from that realm. Our Lord did a complete work already for mankind, and His sacrifice was accepted by God as being a perfect one; so nothing that you do anymore is going to top what Jesus Christ has done for all mankind.

Romans 8:7-8 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (KJV)

The carnal mind is like a barrier, a brick wall that cannot be renewed with the things of God because our Lord doesn’t operate in the fallen realm, but rather expects us to rise up to His realm, which can only happen by faith. Church in Christ, anything outside the realm of faith, anything added on that didn’t come from the throne of God is now considered mission impossible.