*Tuesday, October 8, 2013*

**Name Above Every Name**

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (KJV)

If you were walking along and some stranger came up and patted you on the back and started talking to you like he knew you, you would be a bit bewildered and cautious not knowing their name. Well obviously this person didn’t know who you were either because they would know your name and who you really are. Well Church, the Day of Judgment is not the time to find out who was missing from the equation, and why many will be denied access to their eternal reward.

Matthew 7:24-25 Therefore whosoever hears these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. (KJV)

I can think of a wise man who built His house on a rock and lived a life without falling into sin. You need to know personally who the rock is and what name He goes by, so that you don’t have to fall for the cheap deceptions of the enemy.

Matthew 16:16-18 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

The name of Jesus, what’s the big deal, God knows my heart. Well now He wants you to know His as well and to come to an understanding of the mystery of the gospel, and a name that is hid to the outward man, but is being revealed to the inward one. What’s the big deal? By leaving Christ out of the equation, you leave out the foundation from your building, which if you continue reading in Matthew doesn’t hold up for long.

Matthew 7:26-28 And every one that hears these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it. 28 And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: (KJV)

Man’s doctrines just give you bits and pieces of the equation and will not hold up in a time of trial. Without Christ you will end up rocked, but not in the way our Lord intended.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man take heed how he builds thereupon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (KJV)

There is a reason why you should include Christ in the equation, and a reason why the enemy of our Lord is described as antichrist. Without Christ as your foundation, your building just won’t hold up.

Dearly loved, let God be true and every man a liar; God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.