*Thursday, October 17, 2013*

**Name Above Every Name**

1 Corinthians 15:48-50 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 Lord was sent our way to show us who He is and what name He answers to. The name Jesus Christ was given for a reason and because we know that all scripture is inspired by God we can be perfect and thoroughly furnished unto all good works. The name of Jesus describes the earthly or likeness, while the complete name of Christ allows us to access the image or inner workings of the Spirit. Is it any wonder when listening to many sermons today why they just teach in the name of Jesus and leave out Christ?

1 Corinthians 1:23-24 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (KJV)

I have watched over the years and seen many in the church talk about backsliding Christians. It seems many are born again and experience a new life for a season, but then turn back again to the realm of the flesh seeking peace. Well, when leaving Christ out of the equation you leave the power of God out as well, which is why many are weak. Remember it is the spirit that is willing to move forward, it’s the flesh that is weak and will look back instead of ahead.

Matthew 16:18-20 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. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (KJV)

The revelation of Christ is the rock that is revealed to God’s people, and is the reason why they are able to endure to the end. The reason our Lord charged his disciples not to tell others who He was is because they wouldn’t be able to understand this revelation until they were born again. This is something that needs to be revealed to you personally through the Spirit.

I John 4:3-5 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them. (KJV)

Those that don’t understand who Christ is are just like the world, living in the partial or veiled realm of the flesh. They are unable to give a complete account from a greater source than themselves. These are the flesh and blood resumes that will be turned away at the door, thus the title antichrist is pinned on them.

Ephesians 2:19-22 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto an holy temple in the Lord: 22 In whom ye also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit. (KJV)

As a builder you need to follow a blueprint if the building is going to be up to code, and as you see, Jesus Christ has to be the chief corner stone if the building is going to be approved and pass inspection.

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