*Thursday, January 30, 2014*

**Narrow Minded People**

Matthew 7:13-15 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leads unto life, and few there be that find it. 15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. (KJV)

The path that leads us home is a narrow one, straight and narrow because it only operates according to one Lord, and by one faith in Him. It’s a hard path because it totally contradicts the carnal mind and what we think works. The plan of salvation is like a filtering process that weeds out the pretenders and wannabe’s.

John 10:1-2 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that enters not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. (KJV)

Something I have heard from people trying to justify many of mans’ doctrines is that all paths lead to the same place, but the reality is that they don’t. Anytime you add an “s” to the Word, whether it is door, faith, or doctrine then that path does lead to the same place, just not the place our Lord intended for people to end up in.

Hebrews 6:11-12 And we desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (KJV)

We have talked this week about miracles, outward signs, and wonders that our Lord said of those who are seeking in this realm, they are looking in the wrong direction. These are people we see in society today who are looking for quick fixes. Your growth and maturity in the Lord comes with faith in how He chooses to use you, and that word that the flesh hates to deal with, patience. Remember Church, only those that endure to the end will truly be saved.

James 4:2-4 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (KJV)

An evil and adulterous generation is seeking confirmation in the outward realm and this aptly describes the world and its way of thinking. It’s sad to say this mindset has been adopted by many who claim to be of God, but still talk and walk just like the world.

Ephesians 4:13-15 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)

The road less traveled is not the most popular one and it’s not a road where you will always get your way. Instead it’s learning to submit yourself to the only way, truth, and life that will get you home. Are you on your way home today, or are you still stuck in the narrow mindset of the flesh?

Dearly loved, have a blessed and prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.