*Monday, June 30, 2014*

**Not of Men**

1Thesselonians 2:12-13 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. 13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually works also in you that believe. (KJV)

Those that are truly walking with the Lord and living a life that resembles that of Christ are the ones that are receiving this message of faith first hand from above. Before my own conversion in Christ I heard many different doctrines by those that claimed they were of God, but were not. It wasn’t until I heard this word firsthand for myself and it actually penetrated my heart did it make a change and become effectual in my life. This is a continual process that needs to take place even after your conversion if you are truly going to grow up and mature in Christ.

Galatians 1:1-3 Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead ;) 2 And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, (KJV)

Paul in his younger years spent some time studying under the tutelage of Gamaliel, a prominent teacher in his day. You will notice though that in his writings Paul gives credit where credit is truly due. I say this because I have heard carnal Christians talk about how some certain person or pastor is feeding them with their teachings. Nothing though could be further from the truth; you will never learn anything from any man period, end of story. However, if certain individuals choose to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through them, and the Spirit reveals something to you personally, that is when there will be a change in your walk with the Lord.

Romans 8:14-17 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (KJV)

If the Spirit is not bearing witness to your spirit personally, then you will not be hearing God properly and are basically getting ripped off. I personally have never taught anyone anything about the Bible, however, when I allow the Holy Spirit to speak through me then the Spirit is the one that will do the teaching properly.

Matthew 11:25-27 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. 26 Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. 27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knows the Son, but the Father; neither knows any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. (KJV)

This week Church the message is quite simple; don’t ever rely on any carnal man to teach you spiritual things. If you truly desire to know what God’s plan of salvation is and how to walk in it, then let God reveal it to you personally through His Son.

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