*Tuesday, July 1, 2014*

**Not of Men**

Galatians 1:9-10 As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. (KJV)

Remember, it was man that fell into sin and betrayed the Lord, not the other way around. Just where do you think all these silly denominations came from? Certainly not from a God who told us He is not the author of confusion, but of peace. Your days of trying to appease man and tickle their ears will have to come to an end if you truly plan on continuing with the Lord and enduring to the end. Haven’t you wasted enough time trying to please mankind when the Lord has said that the eyes of man are never satisfied anyways?

Galatians 1:11-12 But I certify you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

That term certify in verse 11 means to declare or make known. I can assure you Church that your salvation did not come through man; so why do so many still go to man for the answer? Yes, you can fellowship with other believers and get built up and edified when it is the Holy Spirit speaking through them. It is also the Holy Spirit that is revealing to you what the Lord is speaking personally. That is why when a scripture is shared, not everyone will have heard the same thing.

1Thesselonians 2:3-4 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: 4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which tries our hearts. (KJV)

The Bible warns us about the many false prophets that have risen up, especially as we get closer to the end, and are deceiving many of God’s people. Rather than take a stand many will let it slide because someone has a big following or thinking the ends justify the means. God will not use you or call you into His ministry until He sees your heart has the right motive, and you have renounced some of these things in verse 3 that may be hidden from man, but is quite obvious to our Lord.

1Thesselonians 2:5-6 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness: 6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. (KJV)

There are many in the pulpits today who are more concerned with building up a following, rather than building up the followers. They are quite easy to spot with all their phony money pitches that they hit the people up with. Then instead of teaching sound doctrine they are more apt to tickle the ears so that they can keep the people coming back. When they get that far gone then they become a burden rather than an asset when it comes to serving our Lord.

2 Corinthians 2:15-17 For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. (KJV)

To those that are people pleasers and think ministry work is an occupation and not a lifestyle, they are the ones whose lives and doctrines stink to high heaven. As we see in Paul’s time there were many who were corrupting the word of God back then, imagine what he would be writing if he heard the watered down doctrines we have going on today. I would hate to see him if he ever sat through one of these phony telethons which these hirelings are shoveling towards the people, yuck.

Let God be true and every man a liar. God bless dearly loved and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.