*Monday, October 21, 2013*

**Not of Works**

Romans 4:1-2 What shall we say then that Abraham our father, as pertaining to the flesh, hath found? 2 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. (KJV)

Strong’s definition for Glory - 2745 kauchema (kow'-khay-mah); From 2744; a boast (properly, the object; by implication, the act) in a good or a bad sense: KJV-- boasting, (whereof) to glory (of), glorying, rejoice (-ing).

Those that truly know and understand how salvation works know it has nothing to do with them.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

Salvation works, but there is one thing that we need to get out of the equation, ourselves and our carnal way of thinking. Grace and faith in what our Lord did on our behalf is what brought you into the kingdom in the first place, and putting more faith in what our Lord has done and desires to do on our behalf is what will keep you in good standing with Him. God ordained a path for you to walk, and works that He considered good, long before you came along to critique them.

Romans 3:27-28 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by the law of faith. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. (KJV)

There is a new law and a new sheriff in town who is a straight shooter and never misses. We needed someone new because the old man failed. A law of faith works on the principle that we act on what we hear personally from the Lord and eliminate self. I see so many who begin in the Spirit, then revert back to dead, lifeless works of the law which is nothing short of vain and a waste of time.

Psalm 44:6-8 For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me. 7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies, and hast put them to shame that hated us. 8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah. (KJV)

There is someone who received the memo from above that God is able to do above and beyond what I could ever accomplish on my own. I give more credence to those that share what the Lord is doing in and through them and much less to those that have a big building and a bunch of busses so that they can bring more people to hear more of what man is doing instead of God.

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