*Wednesday, October 23, 2013*

**Not of Works**

Romans 4:6-8 Even as David also describes the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputes righteousness without works, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin. (KJV)

There is a series of commercials lately that deal with one adult surrounded by children. The theme is the fact that it’s not complicated; rather the answers to life are simple. Well, simply put, sin can be summed up as unbelief. All sin is a result of unbelief where you were duped into thinking something carnal would get a spiritual result. Religion is one of the biggest hindrances and tools of the enemy because it gets many to believe more in rituals. Faith puts you into the category of righteous because you are letting the Lord have more of an influence on you and your decisions than works.

Hebrews 4:9-11 There remains therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. (KJV)

Some days seem a bit harder than others when one is doing all they can to stand. The flesh just doesn’t like leaving its comfort zone and pressing forward, however, it is vital that you do.

Ephesians 6:12-14 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; (KJV)

The words stand and withstand are the theme of the verses above. You are going to have to withstand an onslaught of opposition coming from the enemy who is doing all he can to get you to retreat back to your own ways. Keep in mind that if the enemy is making such a fuss, you obviously have become a threat and are heading in the right direction.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (KJV)

Just because you go to a place that calls themselves a church, or some of the people you have been yoked with call themselves Christian doesn’t always make it so. Many get taken down the tubes because they are unequally yoked with those who think salvation is based on their works.

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, says the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (KJV)

The Lord may be pointing you in another direction, despite what others may think. If you desire to stay in good standing with Him then it may be time to move on in order for you to remain standing.

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