*Thursday, October 24, 2013*

**Not of Works**

Romans 4:9-11 Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? For we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. 10 How was it then reckoned? When he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision. 11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: (KJV)

Have you received your sign of circumcision? I guess it depends on which realm you are now looking toward, the outward or the inward? You have a seal of righteousness; however, it is a Spiritual one.

2 Timothy 2:19 Nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure, having this seal; The Lord knows them that are his. And, Let everyone that names the name of Christ depart from iniquity. (KJV)

For those that truly know the name that is above every name, they know what Christ has done on their behalf and that the only reason they are no longer in iniquity and sin is because of His strength and not their own. God does still recognize circumcision and considers it a seal of righteousness; however, He is looking for it in the Spirit.

Deuteronomy 30:5-6 And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shall possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6 And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou may live. (KJV)

The Lord does open heart surgery, and the more you open up and come clean with Him, the more of the impurities of doubt and fear He can remove. It takes a new heart in order to walk in a new realm and a daily check up will keep the arteries from hardening again.

Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (KJV)

The Jews in the Old Testament were considered God’s chosen people and the ones that He would work with. Today God’s chosen people are those that worship Him in Spirit and in truth, which is not found in the outward realm, but in the inward one.

Galatians 6:13-15 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. 14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. 15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availed any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. (KJV)

All those outward rituals that you see still going on are dead works by dead people who are basically telling God His Son didn’t do a complete work on our behalf; but we know that we are complete in Him.

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