*Monday, May 19, 2014*

**Nothing Works**

Galatians 6:1-3 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. (KJV)

This week we are going to take a look at a few words that come up quite frequently throughout the Bible; meekness being one which puts us in our place, realizing like Paul did, that we are nothing. Let’s just say that according to our own thoughts and ways we don’t have anything really that contributes to salvation. The more you realize that you are nothing without the Lord, the more you give Him something to work with.

John 15:5-6 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (KJV)

Salvation is a continual process that has to become a way of life in order to truly experience a quality life in Christ. My past life was one of getting lit up and torched by the enemy because of the stupid decisions I made based on what I thought would work. It is sad to say, but at times I have been my own worst enemy even after knowing the Lord when I would lean more to my own understanding, not walking by faith.

1 Corinthians 3:4-7 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollo’s; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollo’s, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollo’s watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planted any thing, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase. (KJV)

God can and does use people to deliver His message, but as you notice Paul knew his place in the body and the fact that he wasn’t really anything but a vessel. Many carnal Christians today seem to identify more with an organization or some big name pastor rather than establishing a quality, personal relationship with our Lord. The truth is that many pastors also know how to play the people and keep them in that mindset also.

Isaiah 44:5-7 One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel. 6 Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God. 7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them. (KJV)

As you see this stuff has been happening for a long time, people putting other people on pedestals that they don’t belong on; because some people think more highly of themselves than they ought to. So in the end, if you truly desire to move forward in your walk with the Lord, you will put Him above anyone or anything else on this earth. Why settle for less?

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