*Wednesday, December 11, 2013*

**Old and New**

Romans 6:3-4 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (KJV)

It’s time to step into the new, because after all, this is the only realm you will find our Lord operating in today. Here is a baptism we don’t hear enough of today, something based in spirit and in truth; the only the truth that will set you free to walk in the Spirit and no longer be so influenced by the flesh.

Romans 6:5-6 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. (KJV)

Remember how our Lord died on the cross in the outward realm? Well, now we need to take that into the spiritual one and follow suit in order to be truly baptized into Christ. You can’t have a resurrection without a death first. So what needs to be put to death is our old nature so that a new one can come to life within us.

Romans 6:7-9 For he that is dead is freed from sin. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; death hath no more dominion over him. (KJV)

Now when you truly become dead to the outward influences of the flesh that is when you will believe more in what the Lord is saying, and then speak it into existence. This is when the change truly takes place within the believer, and when they really walk away from the old dead watered down doctrines of man and into the new life Christ died to give us access to. Have you walked away from the old yet, because God is specific in the fact that He is a God of the living and not the dead; the living are those who are living in the realm of the Spirit and who are dead to the influences of the flesh.

Colossians 2:11-13 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; (KJV)

It’s funny today how fickle religious people really are; they will re-enact the water baptism ritual, but they draw the line at circumcision claiming that is the old law. Well, circumcision is still is in play spiritually, because it represents something taking place within and no longer in the outward. Again, we see baptism has taken on a whole new spiritual meaning as well, but only to those that have the eyes of their understanding enlightened to the realm of the Spirit so that they can see to walk in a newness of life.

Colossians 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sits on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (KJV)

Our new life begins the death of our old nature and the influence it had on us in the past. So let’s get past these childish rituals, grow up, and start maturing in the realm of the Spirit, and see what our Lord has prepared for us today.

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