*Friday, February 11, 2011*

**One New Man**

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)

You know, despite the fact that we are told not to know anyone any longer after the outward man but rather the inward, it’s amazing how many of God’s people see more of a man named Jesus and not enough of Christ who was in this man doing the works of God through Him. The less you see and look at yourself according to the outward, the more you would see the new man within you as well.

Romans 6:3-5 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. (5) For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: (KJV)

Do you remember how our Lord died? Yeah, it was a crucifixion that ended His time here on earth. We are told in the gospels to take up our own Spiritual cross and die to self so that a new man can resurrect and come to life within us as well. You will find that in order for a new man to be brought forth it will take more than some silly carnal baptism that many think is important, rather this is a Spiritual baptism that takes you into the new realm of the Spirit where you belong.

Romans 6:6-8 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. (7) 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: (KJV)

Your Bible says that a house divided will fall. So given the fact that you are now considered God’s house as well as building, it’s time to get the old man out of the way so that a new one can have His way. It’s when we become dead with Christ that we are able to see and understand the things of His realm so that we can live by faith. Many have a hard time with this new way of thinking; because unless they get their carnal mind renewed, the things of God will be foolish and unattainable to them.

Galatians 2:20-21 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (21) I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (KJV)

You know, when you see people still enacting the works of the law, yeah, you basically see the blind leading the blind to a ditch which is not on the path of life any longer. Oh, and don’t be surprised by the opposition and persecution that you will suffer for the Lord’s sake; because basically, many today are still crucifying the doctrine of Christ and replacing it with their own feel good doctrines.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (19) To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (KJV)

All this week we have dealt with the topic of one new man; the mystery of the gospel, and the new name that the new creation now goes by. All this week we see that as long as Christ is involved then there will be a new creation taking place within you, with some results that go above and beyond what you could have ever asked or thought of. Is your life a new experience every day, or are you settling for the same old results from the same old man? God bless true church in Christ, and go take what is rightfully there for the taking, all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge which is located at the right hand of God our Father.