*Tuesday, May 24, 2011*

**Our Father**

John 20:16-18 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni; which is to say, Master. (17) Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God. (18) Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. (KJV)

John 20:17

[Touch me not] Mee (grk 3361) mou (grk 3450) haptou (grk 680), Cling not to me. Haptomai (grk 680), has this sense in <Job 31:7>, where the Septuagint use it for the Hebrew dabaq (heb 1692), which signifies to cleave, cling, stick, or be glued to. From <Matt. 28:9>, it appears that some of the women held him by the feet and worshipped him. This probably Mary did; and our Lord seems to have spoken to her to this effect: "Spend no longer time with me now: I am not going immediately to heaven-- you will have several opportunities of seeing me again: but go and tell my disciples, that I am, by and by, to ascend to my Father and God, who is your Father and God also. Therefore, let them take courage." (from Adam Clarke Commentary)

We see our Lord in a time of transition, resurrecting from the dead which not only brought life back to Him but was bringing a new life and hope to others so that they too could resurrect Spiritually. Many of God’s people still cling and hang onto the outward man instead of letting go and seeing the Lord move in their own lives. Many still see and are limited to Jesus the man without seeing that it was Christ in Him that brought forth this new life and allowed it to manifest through Him.

2 Corinthians 5:15-17 And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. (16) 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)

It’s when you quit clinging and hanging onto the flesh and its limited way of seeing and understanding that you will be able to step out into the newness of life that our Lord has for His people. When you are actually in Christ, baptized and immersed Spiritually in living waters, will you be able to experience this new way of life where all things including your vision become new. Kind of like x-rays; where you are now looking within to find the true answer to what is taking place.

John 3:13-14 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. (14) And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: (KJV)

The last two days we have been making reference to the Son of man which was Jesus of Nazareth who was born after the flesh. In fact, if you look closely at verse 13 He makes the statement that the Son of man is in heaven, even before the resurrection. Well, let’s keep this fact in mind, that we too are seated in a heavenly place on a daily basis to hear the message being delivered by God first hand. This man Jesus of Nazareth showed us the example of how to pray effectively.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (KJV)

We wanted to point out this week who God is and who He is not. God is quite specific to point out that He is not a man, or someone made lower than the angels. Why mankind keeps trying to pin the tag that Jesus was God is quite contrary to say the least.

Matthew 23:8-10 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. (9) And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. (10) Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. (KJV)

All these titles that man pins on each other, in the end are a waste of time and will mean nothing when they stand before the Father. So now that we have touched on the Son of man lets continue and focus our attention to the Son of God, Christ. Stay tuned.