*Wednesday, May 25, 2011*

**Our Father**

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

Interesting to note, the two separate distinctions being made, concerning a child being born as well as a son given. This Son that was given to us from our Father in heaven had an interesting list of credentials as we see brought out in verse 6.

Luke 1:30-32 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. (31) And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. (32) He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: (KJV)

When going through the Word you need to hear the meaning of it, and how it all lines up and fits like a puzzle that pieces together. Not only did this son have a carnal name known to mankind, Jesus, but God was revealing someone else who was within this man, who is referred as the Son of the Highest.

Luke 1:34-35 Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? (35) And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. (KJV)

Mary was a bit confused at the time; however for those that have the eyes of their understanding enlightened to the realm of the Spirit, we see clearly the son of man as well as the Son of God being referred to again.

Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (KJV)

You know, when you were born again God anointed you also with the Holy Ghost, and with the same power so that you too can do good. In fact, once you were born again you went from just being considered the son of man into the category of the Son of God, as well as being welcomed with open arms into the family of God.

1 Corinthians 15:45-47 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. (46) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (47) The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. (KJV)

Are you able to see that it takes two births to be considered a son of God and a member of the kingdom of God? You’re first born into the natural realm as the son of man and then for those that are reborn, like Jesus of Nazareth was, they are considered to be Spiritual. Given the fact that God is a Spirit then in order to be a son of God you would have to enter and stay in that realm to be able to do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

1 Corinthians 15:48-50 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. (49) And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. (50) Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (KJV)

Be forewarned Church, you don’t want to show up before the throne of God with just an earthly or flesh and blood resume. The son of man will not get home without the backing of the Son of God as well. Do you know who you are in Christ so that you can bear the image of the heavenly today, and know that you are a part of the kingdom of God?