*Monday, July 14, 2014*

**Please God**

Romans 8:6-8 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. (KJV)

This week we are going to highlight the difference between pleasing God and pleasing people. Remember our Lord said that we were either with Him or against Him, there is no middle ground. The new life you walked into when you accepted salvation means that you are walking away from your old way of thinking. My old life before my conversion in Christ involved trying to please myself, as well as others around me by the outward appearance or facade I put on, which in the end I failed miserably at.

Joshua 24:14-15 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve you the LORD. 15 And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. (KJV)

When I began my walk in the Spirit I found out immediately that it contradicted the gods or false religions of this world that I was indoctrinated with in my youth. Once I discovered the Lord and experienced His peace I found that in order to keep that peace I would no longer be able to serve those other gods that many others settle for. I found that in order to keep the peace of God ruling in my heart I would have to make it a priority to please God despite what other people may think. I have seen many who fall back into the abyss of the flesh; even though they began their new life in Christ with good intentions, they eventually caved into the whims and desires of others and did not pursue the Lord any further.

Luke 16:13-15 No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 14 And the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these things: and they derided him. 15 And he said unto them, ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knows your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God. (KJV)

Another sore spot with many Christians goes deep into the heart and needs to be rooted out if they are going to not only begin their walk in the Spirit, but endure to the end. Many of God’s people have been set free for a season only to end up entangled again in the affairs of this world, and most of their thoughts and intentions are wrapped up in the carnal realm; which is not the realm our Lord wants to give them access to.

I John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides for ever. (KJV)

Right now we the Church are engaged to the Lord, and the marriage takes place when we leave this planet. I am sure if you were engaged to someone here on earth and found out they loved someone else, there would be no wedding; the same is true with the Lord, he is not going to marry someone who has been unfaithful.

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