*Tuesday, July 15, 2014*

Please God

Hebrews 11:5-6 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (KJV)

In order to have a closer, more intimate relationship with our Lord, you will have to walk away from your own thoughts and ways. You will have to believe that He is the only way, truth, and life that will get you home. Without faith you re-enter the realm of the impossible where despite your best carnal efforts and intentions (which is what many of mans’ religions are based on), they will never be pleasing to God. So who are you really pleasing today?

James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (KJV)

The first step of faith is on our end; where we submit to God, and then step out towards Him. Many get duped in their walk waiting for something to happen first, before they will respond. These are people that will still be waiting and knocking on the door long after our Lord has returned to take His Church away.

Hebrews 10:38-39 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man drawback, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (KJV)

Do you wonder why at times your walk with the Lord seems a bit stale and empty? Like, why is nothing new really happening in my life? Well, because you have been in a holding pattern, holding out for what you think works and not what our Lord would like to work in and through you. The joy of the Lord is our strength and you will find that if our Lord is not pleased with your walk, you are not going to have much joy either.

Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by which we draw nigh unto God. (KJV)

Another spiritual buzz kill is when a new born Christian who begins so well in the realm of the Spirit, is drawn back to the works of the law thinking that it will bring them closer to God. We are saved by grace through faith in what Christ, our only hope of glory, has done on our behalf.

Isaiah 5:18-21 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope: 19 That say, Let him make speed, and hasten his work, that we may see it: and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! (KJV)

If you are not living by faith and taking a stand with our Lord, then you will fall for anything the enemy throws at you. I mean come on Church, our Lord said there is only one faith He gives credence to, yet with that said, look at how many denominations man has dreamed up, yikes.

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