*Friday, July 18, 2014*

**Please God**

Galatians 1:13-16 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: 14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. 15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (KJV)

God is pleased with your walk when you separate yourself from anything or anyone that would hinder your new life in Christ. I had to have the old religious umbilical cord cut off so that I could draw life direct from a new source. I have wasted too much time in the past trying to please people that will never be pleased no matter what I do. Once I tasted of the new life in Christ and all that He had to offer, there was no going back to that dead end realm of the flesh and people pleasing.

Luke 12:32-34 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that fails not, where no thief approaches, neither moth corrupts. 34 For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. (KJV)

Do you really want to know what gives God pleasure? That would be when you learn to receive all that He has to offer His church and quit settling for mans’ cheap imitations. Sell out to the old way of thinking and learn to walk in a newness of life which is by faith and not by sight. Our Lord died to give mankind access to His kingdom, and it grieves the Spirit when man chooses not to receive it.

Ephesians 1:3-5 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (KJV)

We ended this week talking about what is pleasing to God. We serve a God who planned our life out before the foundation of the world according to His good pleasure and not what our carnal limited minds conjure up. Do you desire to please God? Then let go and find out what He planned for you in love.

II Thessalonians 1:11-12 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: 12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (KJV)

My prayer for all of God’s people is that they learn what pleases God and not be concerned with man thinks. It was man that fell into sin and not the other way around, so why waste anymore time trying to please fallen mankind?

Philippians 2:13-16 For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputing: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain. (KJV)

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