*Monday, June 13, 2011*

**Remember To Forget**

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 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)

What our goal this week will be is to understand the new life that we are now partakers of because we were willing to let go of the old. If you notice, old things are passed away, and like something that died it needs to be buried and then we move on. However, the problem with many of God’s people that are called by Him is that they start out so well, but then try to incorporate their old way of thinking with the new.

Philippians 3:13-14 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, (14) I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. (KJV)

Those that live in the past never get past the old way of thinking, but rather they stay stuck in the realm of the flesh. The more you stay in the past, the further from the truth you end up. The flip side of that is that the more you put the past behind you, which results from our old carnal thinking, the closer you get to the Lord. It’s amazing how often we still think on things and ways from our past miserable failure of a life, instead of walking in a newness of life that our Lord died to give us access to. Let’s work today on keeping a closer watch on what we are thinking and make sure that we are dealing with today’s events only.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (2) Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: (3) Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (KJV)

God has given mankind access to a totally new life with a new way of thinking, where we now learn and expect to be winners, not the losers that we were in the past. As we see illustrated above, our mind was a terrible thing to waste, because as we thought in our heart it resulted in a life that was not pleasing to our Father. Do you really expect the best today; I mean after all you serve the best. Are you truly of the mindset that no weapon formed against you will prosper, or is salvation just a hit or miss thing?

Ephesians 2:11-13 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; (12) That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: (13) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (KJV)

Hey, let’s start dealing with the now and quit thinking like we did in the past. Christ Jesus has given us access to a new life so that God does not have to watch His creation get beaten and pummeled by the enemy anymore. The more you renew your mind today, the farther you will walk away from your past.

1 Peter 2:9-10 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: (10) Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. (KJV)

You know, by not accepting the victory that our Lord accomplished for us, we are actually calling God a liar. Today Church, right now, you are the people of God. So let’s start acting like one of His people, and get past all the nonsense and silliness that we thought would work.