*Wednesday, January 1, 2014*

**Salvation**

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)

We talked yesterday about testing the spirits, because many false prophets are out and about deceiving and being deceived. The same premise holds true with those that you have been close to in the flesh, including family members. What you may discover is that just because you experienced a new life in Christ not everyone else may be on board and as gung ho as you are. It is a cross road that every believer in Christ will come across and have to deal with.

Matthew 10:34-36 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. (KJV)

The reality is that you may encounter some opposition and it will hit close to home. The reason there is variance or a difference of opinions is because of a lack of spiritual knowledge by those that don’t make salvation a priority. Oh and do know that the term cult gets thrown out there when someone does walk away from the old and into the new.

Matthew 10:37-39 He that loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that takes not his cross, and follows after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that finds his life shall lose it: and he that loses his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)

I say this not only concerning this topic but any topic; in order to walk in the new you have to let go of the old. Evil communications will corrupt the good that may have begun in you, and two cannot walk together unless they are in agreement. So in order to be in agreement someone has to compromise, which in the end usually turns out to be the Christian. Many think it is their personal duty to go back and save their carnal families, but as I have found out, it doesn’t work.

Mark 6:3-4 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Jose’s, and of Juda, and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 4 But Jesus said unto them, a prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. (KJV)

Those that only knew our Lord after the flesh were unable to see who this man really was. If our Lord didn’t fare too well with his home crowd what makes you think you will do any better with yours? Those that knew me before my conversion in Christ knew how weak and feeble I was and so easily swayed by every wind of doctrine, something I don’t need to be reminded of anymore.

Matthew 18:1-3 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)

This verse really hit home with me because what it is asking is who really has the most influence on you today, your Father in heaven or your earthly one? If you truly desire to be considered a son of God, then He is the one you should allow to have the most influence on you today.

Matthew 23:9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. (KJV)

Who are you calling Father today, and which one has the most influence on you?

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