*Thursday, January 2, 2014*

**Salvation**

John 3:30-31 He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaks of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. (KJV)

The plan of salvation is one of transitioning, learning to transition from the limited realm of the flesh into the unlimited realm of the Spirit where you discover all things are now possible to those that believe. The flesh and Spirit are two totally opposite realms, and in order to walk in the Spirit I have to let go of the ways of the flesh. In other words, when I was reborn into the realm of the Spirit I now have to rely on a whole new set of spiritual senses and not the carnal ones. Not something that is easy at times.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (KJV)

While the world says seeing is believing, our Lord’s realm is just the opposite. Our vision is now changed from the outward to the inward realm, which totally contradicts everything we have learned in our past. Your walk with the Lord is what He describes Himself to be, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Now the question is whose script will you decide to follow, a Spiritual one or a carnal dead end?

Romans 8:23-25 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. 24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why doth he yet hope for? 25 But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it. (KJV)

Today there are many false prophets who think the answer to all their issues in life is money. They rely more on outward things than the inward and are heading in the wrong direction. I am not saying trusting in the unseen is always going to be easy, but the flip side is letting a love for carnal things drown out your love for the Lord, and that is definitely not His answer.

Hebrews 11:1-3 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report. 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (KJV)

Your faith is developed and brought to maturity when you become more influenced by the inward and not the outward temporal appearance. That term substance refers to concrete, or how about a spiritual concrete, a firm foundation we see buildings that stand are built on. You will not find the evidence of God in the outward realm; you need to go deep into the realm of the Spirit to find out for yourself who He really is, and what your calling is in His body of believers.

Proverbs 8:19-21 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver. 20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures. (KJV)

I spent my early years chasing the fool’s gold of this life, but I found our Lord had something much better than that, something of substance that satisfied my inward hunger for truth. With all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge that we have been given access to in Christ, why settle for less?

Dearly loved, walking more each day in the Spirit is better than any of the perishable riches of this world. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.