*Monday, February 3, 2014*

**Secret Society**

Romans 2:15-16 Which show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;) 16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel. (KJV)

Today we have many who could be categorized as being a part of the secret society, those that think they can hide things. For many they are able to hide things from man, but our Lord sees right through the carnal cloaks they try to hide behind. Some day just like with Adam, they will realize their spiritual nakedness, but by then it will be too late to cover their behind. This week we will take a look at the judgment of God. Despite the fact that it appears that He is unconcerned with what is taking place in today’s world He has a plan and a way of dealing with things.

Romans 9:22-23 What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, (KJV)

God has a reason for His timing, even though we think He is late or isn’t paying attention to what is taking place on His planet. The reality is that the earth is the Lord’s, and we are just passing through. Think of this world as being the Lord’s stage, and we have a short time to audition for our eternal part. So instead of getting bent out of shape about what is taking place all around us, keep looking above and you won’t get taken down by the things of this fallen realm.

Titus 3:2-6 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, showing all meekness unto all men. 3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving diver’s lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. 4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man appeared, 5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; 6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior; (KJV)

Speaking of mercy, remember what got you into the kingdom in the first place? It wasn’t your good looks or bright bubbly personality was it? And you were not the one God chose to hang on a cross either. So remember where you came from and don’t forget what manner of man you really were and still would be without the mercy of God intervening on your behalf.

Matthew 5:7-9 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. (KJV)

I know it’s frustrating to see a few individuals who make laws which are so contrary to sound doctrine that you could scream, but our Lord still has things under control and a plan to handle things when He lets man know who really is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. 12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you. (KJV)

Sometimes when fighting the good fight of faith you will have to take a punch spiritually while in the ring. Take comfort in the fact that you are not shadow boxing, and when you have done all to stand you have hit the opponent where it counts.

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