*Monday, March 7, 2011*

**See For Yourself**

James 1:22-24 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (KJV)

When you see the word glass being used in the scriptures it refers to a mirror. Now many of us spend time each and every day looking into carnal mirrors to see if we are prepared for the day. However, few really spend much quality time looking into their spiritual mirrors to see for themselves who they really are, and then even fewer are willing to make the necessary changes required as well.

Proverbs 15:3-5 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. (4) A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: but perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit. (5) A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent. (KJV)

You know, one of the biggest obstacles to get past in the life of a Christian can be themselves. The Lord looks at man and sees who they really are; in other words, He is able to look right through us. The question now becomes personal Church, how many are really willing and able to see who they really are, honestly? Oh I am not talking about who you think you are, or what you think you are doing for the Lord; no, I am talking about really taking a look at yourself, being open, and truthfully seeing yourself the way our Lord does.

1 Corinthians 11:28-32 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. (29) For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. (30) For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. (31) For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. (32) But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. (KJV)

When you see that word ‘examine’ it means to discern, as well as recognize. Now keep in mind that the Lord’s cup and bread is now Spiritual, we are no longer referring to the old outward ritual that many still partake of today. You know, when you don’t take the time to examine yourself to see where you really are in your walk, well, that is where many become weak because they are leaning more to their own understanding rather than to our Lord’s. Are you willing to look in the Lord’s spiritual mirror to see for yourself who and where you really are in your walk and then to make the necessary changes?

2 Corinthians 13:5-7 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? (6) But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates. (7) Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. (KJV)

Wow, could you imagine what this world would be like if people examined their own lives as much as they do others? Hey, how about if we narrow this down to the Church, how much less strife and contention would go on if others would look honestly at their own lives and not critique others so much? Paul was considered a reprobate by many who rather than looking inwardly at themselves they took out their frustrations on the messenger, instead of giving heed to the message which was convicting their own heart. So in conclusion today, what would life be like if more of God’s people examined themselves open and honestly? Why not go see for yourself?