*Tuesday, December 20, 2011*

**Slice of Life**

Isaiah 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this. (KJV)

When going through the scriptures you need to keep in mind that all these verses are inspired by God to reveal His plan of salvation to mankind. Even back in the time of Isaiah we see two references being addressed, one of a child that would be born as well as a Son that would be given. Is it just a coincidence that this is mentioned, or is there more to this mystery, something that you find is revealed throughout?

1 Corinthians 15:45-47 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. (46) Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. (47) The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. (KJV)

Jesus Christ is referred to as being the first born, or how about the first born again man? It takes two births to see into the kingdom of God; one of the flesh and then one of the Spirit. Think about your own life, which could be accurately described as a dead end before you were born again and accepted the second man from heaven into your life.

Colossians 2:1-3 For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; (2) That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; (3) In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (KJV)

Why would Paul encounter such opposition in His ministry? Could it possibly be that the enemy did not desire to see the second man from heaven being revealed and taught to mankind so that they would no longer have to be in bondage? Not only is this second man from heaven described as being a mystery, but once you see beyond the first man it then reveals all the true treasures of wisdom and knowledge that was previously hidden.

Mark 6:3-4 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, 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 honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. (KJV)

Not much of a mystery concerning the first man, Jesus of Nazareth. However it’s the second man from heaven which was abiding in Him is where the mystery is. Do take notice of the fact that those that just know our Lord after the outward man are being passed by. So why not stick around and get some insight into the second man, the Lord from heaven?