*Wednesday, December 28, 2011*

**Slice of Life**

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (KJV)

Today we will discuss some of the foolishness that has manifested in the so called church by those that profess to know God, however in works they deny Him. Yeah those works that we are referring to are those of the old outdated law which many carnal Christians still engage in thinking that something from the old would ever enhance their new life in Christ.

Mark 16:14-16 Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. (15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (KJV)

As we see, it was hard for our Lord to explain or compare spiritual things with unspiritual people because they just couldn’t get it. Today though, there is no excuse because the Holy Spirit is poured out on all flesh so that none are without excuse. Many confuse baptism today with that of the old law, thinking that something carnal could ever bring life to someone Spiritual. Let’s see if we can put this term baptism in its proper perspective where it belongs.

Acts 1:3-5 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: (4) And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. (5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (KJV)

Our Lord stuck around for a while, even after what mankind had done to Him, to encourage the disciples that a new form of baptism would be taking place, however, this one would be spiritual. Somehow many people today just haven’t gotten the memo from above on the fact that the old one is now outdated and basically a waste of time, showing just how carnal and misled many are.

Hebrews 9:8-10 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: (9) Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; (10) Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. (KJV)

You know, when a youngster used to act up in the old days they would send them to reform school. Today we have many childish youngsters still holding onto childish carnal interpretations of a Spiritual God who desires to see His people grow up and mature in Him. We are and have been in a time of reformation for the last two thousand years or so. So let’s get on the inside, and quit looking in from the outside through a veil.