*Thursday, December 29, 2011*

**Slice of Life**

Luke 3:15-17 And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not; (16) John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: (17) Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. (KJV)

We have been talking about comparing spiritual things to spiritual people, the Holy Spirit revealing the true meaning of God’s word. I am using this topic of baptism which refers to being immersed in a force or living waters. How about this, would it not take Spiritual waters to cleanse the spirit man and satisfy a Spiritual thirst?

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (13) For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. (KJV)

Here we see the term drink used, and the water that we are drinking is Spiritual as well. We also see that by one Spirit is the true baptism able to take place as far as our Lord is concerned. So which one do you really think God gives credence to anymore, something carnal or would He rather see His people operate in the new realm of the Spirit?

Ephesians 4:4-6 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; (5) One Lord, one faith, one baptism, (6) One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. (KJV)

A body of believers is not judged by how many are sitting in your congregation, rather God looks to the inward man to see who is really worshipping Him in Spirit and in truth. Which category would you consider yourself to be in; the one that our Lord operates in, or are you just blindly following the crowd, which from what I see is a bunch of blind folk headed for the ditch?

John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (39) (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (KJV)

Now that the Spirit has been given we can see clearly that our Lord is speaking to us as spiritual people, those that don’t take His word in literal form but understand the true Spiritual meaning of His word. Why not take a big gulp of some living waters and see what flows from your heart today. I pray it is more Spiritual than carnal.