*Wednesday, January 11, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

1Thessalonians 2:12-13 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. (13) For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. (KJV)

This is where salvation gets personal, alive, and a reality to you, when you are able to hear firsthand from the Lord and know personally your calling in the body of Christ. You will encounter many people along the path of life who are claiming to be speaking on His behalf, however, in the end you will only find a few that are walking it as well. God can speak through anyone; the point is, giving credit to who it came from so that the credit goes to God and not people. Many will try to take credit for what God is doing and make it appear that without them His hands would be tied.

John 17:6-8 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. (7) Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. (8) For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. (KJV)

This was our Lord’s prayer shortly before His departure from this realm into the eternal one. If you notice, He gave credit where it was due in the fact that it was God working in Him was the reason why He got the results that He did. Our Lord demonstrated effectively how to receive the things of God and show the people how they could partake of them as well. An effective teacher and preacher of the gospel will be pointing the people more above, and not to anyone or anything below here, so that they can receive all of what our Lord intended for them to partake of.

Ephesians 6:10-13 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (KJV)

My own personal prayer for each and every believer in Christ today is that they would take hold of and seize possession of all that God has given them access to today through the sacrifice of His Son. It would be like going out on a cold day without breakfast and some warm clothing, and then wondering why you got weak and sick. Folks, the Bible warns us that in these last days the love of many is waxing cold; so I would bundle up before going out in a blizzard with many winds of doctrines that will try to blow you away.