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**Slice of Life**

Luke 6:22-23 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. (23) Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. (KJV)

You know Church, majority doesn’t rule when dealing with God and His plan of salvation; yet it seems mankind judges’ things more according to the outward rather than looking inward. Just because the son of man is not on board with the doctrine that our Lord has you bring forth doesn’t mean you did anything wrong. In fact the opposite is true, because although your name is dragged through the mud down here, up above the Son of God is pleased that you were willing to hold fast your profession of faith without wavering.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (KJV)

Many today are still one dimensional in their interpretation of the gospel, and only see things according to their limited outward vision instead of seeing the inner workings in Christ. Many today just see the Son of man, and preach in the name of Jesus only, not seeing the complete picture which is in Christ, the Son of the living God. You will not be a new creature, nor will you be able to operate in a newness of life until you see beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spiritual realm where our Lord is abiding.

Matthew 16:20-23 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (22) Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. (23) But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men. (KJV)

Interesting to note that right after the revelation of Christ came to Peter from God Himself, well suddenly his own viewpoint changed a bit as well. The message is now pointing to a crucifixion, something the son of man didn’t desire to hear.

Matthew 16:24-26 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. (25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. (26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (KJV)

As you see, our Lord had to rebuke Peter because he was in opposition to the doctrine of Christ which is now pointing the people to the truth of what it takes to inherit eternal life. Again we see the spirit is willing, it’s the flesh that is looking for another way out.