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**Slice of Life**

John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (KJV)

Just because you or someone close to you made a commitment to the Lord at some emotional alter call, don’t think for one minute that alone was enough to seal the deal so to speak. Granted it is a very good start, however, that is just the beginning and definitely something that needs to be continued in if you are truly going to inherit eternal life. You need to continue to get to know the truth; someone who is seated at the right hand of the Father so that you can know the only way that leads to eternal life.

Romans 11:21-23 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. (22) Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. (23) And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again. (KJV)

When the branch is cut off from its source of life it withers and becomes dry, and then it no longer is able to cling to the tree of life but instead gets blown away with a wind of doctrine. Many of God’s people get the same results because they didn’t continue to move forward in their commitment with the Lord by letting go of old things, dead things that resulted in dead works. Given the fact that we serve a God who cannot lie then it would be in your best interest to look at one of the biggest little words throughout your Bible, the word ‘if’.

Colossians 1:21-23 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled (22) In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: (23) If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; (KJV)

Our Lord promised that He would never leave us nor forsake us; however, we can take a hike anytime we like. The first two verses above tell us it’s all good on our Lord’s end, now it’s a matter of whether you will follow through on yours. Without faith, hearing personally from our Lord on a daily basis where your place is in His body of believers and how to carry out your calling, well that puts you back in the realm of the impossible as far as pleasing our Lord.

Revelation 3:20-22 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. (21) To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. (22) He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

Are you really getting the true picture of what it is going to take to make it home and inherit eternal life? I am not talking about these goody two shoes, ear tickling, belly rubbing doctrines of man which only seek to please their lower natures rather than showing them the true overcoming nature that we have access to in Christ. Today you have an opportunity to do those things that are pleasing in our Lord’s sight, and hear well done good and faithful servant.