*Friday, February 17, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (17) If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are. (KJV)

We have been talking the last couple weeks about continuing in the faith, enduring to the end, and being watchful so that we don’t get moved away from the hope of the gospel. Do take note of the warnings in the Bible, because this book is written to the Church so that we don’t lose out on what our Lord died to give us access to, that being eternal life.

John 10:27-29 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: (28) And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. (29) My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. (KJV)

Many people quote verse 28 and swear up and down that once you pledge your life to the Lord there is no way that you will fall away; you know that once saved always saved ear tickling belly rubbing doctrine of man? It is true that no man is able to pluck you away; however, verse 27 is very vital for that to happen. Do you know the Lord’s voice, as well as being known by our Lord, you know being someone that keeps in close contact with Him? Last but not least, are you following through with your commitment with the Lord so that you won’t get duped by man’s cunning versions of salvation based on half truths?

1 Corinthians 7:22-24 For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. (23) Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men. (24) Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. (KJV)

Once you have answered our Lord’s call, again we see how vital it is to abide or continue in that calling, and that would be to the end Church. You were bought with a price, which just happens to be by our Lord who died to get you ransomed back into good standing with our Father in heaven. Will you show up in the shape and resemblance of our Lord when He comes to check on His investment, or will a stranger be standing before Him come the Day of Judgment?

1John 2:4-6 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. (5) But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. (6) He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked. (KJV)

You have a choice of who and what you will serve this day; the God of this universe, or the god of this world who can only offer cheap temporal thrill rides in the flesh which will come crashing down in the form of reality when our Lord seeks a return on His investment.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (KJV)

So many false prophets put emphasis on gold and silver, making it appear that the more you give the more you get from our Father in heaven, which is utter nonsense. Christ is the only one that redeemed us from the curse of the old law. Given the fact that our Father sent us a Son without blemish or spot He expects the same of us in return. I am sure if you put a down payment on an item only to see it scratched and nicked up, or a dirty mess you wouldn’t accept it either. Don’t expect our Lord to accept anything inferior either on His purchased possession, which you just happen to be.