*Tuesday, February 28, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Acts 10:36-38 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) (37) That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; (38) How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (KJV)

In order to have peace with God one needs to understand the mystery of the gospel and how of two, the Son of man and the Son of God, one new man was made. Jesus Christ represents these two, as well as the two births; one of the flesh as well as one of the Spirit. Do notice the fact that God was with Him, just as He is with us; when you accepted Christ you too are anointed with the same Holy Ghost and with power as well.

Colossians 1:26-29 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: (27) To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: (28) Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: (29) Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily. (KJV)

Paul was used by God to preach this mystery because he understood it, having received this revelation first hand from the Father through His Son. The perfection or maturity of a believer takes place when they understand how important it is to see beyond the man Jesus to see Christ who was working in Him. Paul was able to make a bold statement as well in verse 29, that Christ was working mightily in him.

Hebrews 13:20-21 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, (21) Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

The same God that was working within our Shepherd is working within you also. In fact, the more you look within the less you will be influenced by things on the outside that are a mere illusion. Again, it is vital to understand the two births so you can do those things that are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and bring a message of truth that will show you how to grow and mature beyond this carnal childish fallen realm of the flesh.

Philippians 2:10-14 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (12) Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. (13) For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (14) Do all things without murmurings and disputings: (KJV)

I hear so many sing songs about Jesus and that his name is above all names, leaving out Christ, which leaves a lot off the table people. We acknowledge the obedience of Jesus of Nazareth, but every tongue will need to confess before God Christ as well in order to be able to work out their own salvation. Are you letting God work in you, or are you working against Him because you thought you knew better? Remember in our Lord’s realm, majority does not rule.