*Monday, May 7, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Matthew 22:11-14 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: (12) And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. (13) Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (14) For many are called, but few are chosen. (KJV)

If you notice in the above verses, our Lord did not refer to this person by name; rather He just used the term friend. I have heard many sing about “what a friend they have in Jesus” without realizing that when one is born again they are considered family, sons and daughters. As we go along this week we will see why so many who are called do not answer properly, and in the end only a select few are really chosen. When you answered our Lord’s call of repentance you entered a totally new and different realm. The problem with many is that they try to drag old things, old thinking into their new life, like mixing and matching which ends up mixing things up worse and never matches.

1 Corinthians 1:26-28 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: (27) But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; (28) And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: (KJV)

Your first order of business when coming to the Lord was one of surrender, where you realized just how foolish you were living because you were taking orders from a foolish source, the carnal mind. However, with many they forget what manner of man they really are, because without Christ we can do nothing; well, at least nothing that is beneficial to our walk with the Lord. There are a few left over who still come to the Lord like a child realizing that salvation is not based on their works, rather on the completed work that God has done on our behalf through His Son.

1 Corinthians 1:29-31 That no flesh should glory in his presence. (30) But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: (31) That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. (KJV)

I get really tired of these false prophets who may have been called by God at one time, however, at some point they decided to take over and the ministries that they claim are of God is nothing more than identity theft. Case in point, I don’t care who they are or who they think they are, anytime they put their own names on the ministry it is just that, their ministry and not the Lord’s, period. For those that God has chosen, which are few and far between, they will continue their walk in the Spirit because they chose to let God dictate and show them who they really are in Christ; which is why they won’t show up some day without a garment other than their own righteousness, but will be covered by our Lord’s.