*Friday, August 17, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Matthew 16:15-18 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? (16) And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

Many people today have come up with many different names for our Lord, and then they try to build off their own creations. Our Lord has narrowed the one name which is now above all others so that His people would get built up and established in the truth. A rock is considered a firm foundation, and do take note of who the builder is. As we see in verse 18 the Lord would like us to let Him build His church according to His standards which are Spiritual. Do you understand His blueprint for your building?

Acts 4:10-12 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. (11) This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. (12) Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)

When Jesus Christ walked this earth He came to reveal the name of the stone and the foundation that He would work with and build upon. As we see in verse 11, this was not good enough for mankind, so instead of letting Him do the building we have many other builders who think that they can do a better job; you know, like all those phony subcontractors, denominations, and doctrines of man?

Matthew 21:42-43 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? (43) Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. (KJV)

You know that knocking sound on your heart? Yeah that would be the Lord seeking entrance into your temple so that He could personally show you how to get built up and established in the faith. If you leave God’s Spiritual foreman on the outside too long you may find yourself outside of the will of God also.

Ephesians 2:19-21 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; (20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; (21) In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: (KJV)

Today, right now, you don’t have to be a stranger or an outsider; but you truly can be considered one of God’s people by allowing Him access into your house and letting Him show you how to get built up and established in the faith, and no longer be tossed to and fro with every wind of man’s fallen doctrines which build more fear than faith.

Luke 6:46-49 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? (47) Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: (48) He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. (49) But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great. (KJV)

If you notice this week, the foundation that stands sure has a name, a common denominator which holds His church together. The name of Christ is our escape from this present evil world, and will show us how to discard iniquity; you know like getting rid of any materials that are not up to standard. God bless true Church in Christ, and let our Lord show you personally how to get built up and established in the faith so that your building no longer gets blown over and considered uninhabitable.