*Monday, September 3, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: (29) But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (KJV)

Back in the day the Jews were considered God’s chosen people; so in order to be considered a Jew you would have to go through certain rituals to join their congregation. That all changed some two thousand years ago when our Lord fulfilled the law and brought a perfect sacrifice to the throne of God, which He accepted once and for all. Today we have many doing what they think is ministry work, who also consider themselves ministers because of a letter they received from man and not a personal calling from God. You will find that these same so called ministers still hold true to the letter of the law, who seek more to please man than God.

2 Corinthians 3:5-8 Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; (6) Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. (7) But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: (8) How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? (KJV)

The realm of the Spirit is so much greater and more glorious than anything you will find in this fallen realm. The realm of the Spirit allows us to walk in a newness of life where all things become new and alive, fresh daily. Yet with that said we still have many who hold to the letter of the law which kills the true meaning and intent of the Word and how to effectively walk in the realm of the Spirit. Just as we saw in the time of Moses, many were destroyed in the wilderness because of their limited belief.

Romans 7:4-6 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (5) For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. (6) But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. (KJV)

You know when you hang onto dead things to long…well you end up in the same condition. I personally don’t understand why those that claim to be reborn into the realm of the Spirit think that they could ever find life in what our Lord spells out clearly as being dead. Again those that respond to a spiritual calling according to a carnal letter clearly shows that they don’t know God personally and how to walk in a newness of life that His Son died to give us access to.

Galatians 6:12-15 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ. (13) For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. (14) But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world. (15) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. (KJV)

I personally have suffered some persecution for taking a stand against the works of the law no matter how they manifest; whether you replace circumcision with water baptisms or any other carnal ordinance it is all a waste time. The only thing that our Lord is interested in is clearly stated at the end of verse 15, a new creature separate from the letter of the law.