*Wednesday, September 5, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Hebrews 9:9-12 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; (10) Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. (11) But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. (KJV)

Verse 10 sums up something old, something no longer in play because it was based on carnal ordinances and it was not able to tap into something new and alive. What baffles me and what I found out early on in my own walk with the Lord is that carnal people who referred to themselves as being Christians were adamant that the first thing I needed to do was get some water poured on me. Well the Lord didn’t have me go that route because those ordinances were done away with some two thousand years ago. With something so much better that we have access to in the realm of the Spirit why would the Church go back to the old again?

Jeremiah 2:12-13 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. (13) For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. (KJV)

When you forsake the living waters that our Lord provided for His church you will find that man’s doctrines just can’t hold water. You will find many holes in their doctrines because many profess to know God, however by going back to works of the law they deny Him and spill out all that life giving water provided for them.

Acts 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. (KJV)

So how can you tell the difference between those that are known of God and those that are pretenders? Well when they decide that something carnal could replace something spiritual (that being living waters which brings new life to the inward man).

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; (26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, (27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. (KJV)

Do you desire to show up clean in the sight of our Lord, having a garment without spot or wrinkle, you know like a Marine in full uniform? Well you’re going to need some living spiritual water in order for that to happen, something that will cleanse and bring life to the inner man.

John 4:11-14 The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? (12) Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? (13) Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: (14) But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. (KJV)

Verses 11 &12 remind me of the so called church today where their first response is something carnal. The next two verses show our Lord’s response, and how He is pointing His people to something inward and living, something new and alive which will allow us to live forever.

John 7:37-39 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (39) (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.) (KJV)

Now that the Holy Spirit has come and given us an insight into this new way of life, which well are you drinking from and which one are you pointing God’s people to?