*Wednesday, March 30, 2011*

**Strong Possibilities**

Ephesians 6:10-11 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (KJV)

Let me tell you Church what is a crying shame, that someday people are going to stand before God and give an account of their life here, and find out all of the power and strength that was made available to them through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord. They are going to find out that all the heartache and misery that they put up with, all the frustration and things that they pursued never brought them peace or contentment. It’s like watching a Rocky movie, where all he does is get hit and never punches back.

1 Peter 4:1-2 Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; (2) That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. (KJV)

One of the definitions for the word ‘arm’ means to equip with weapons. So how well equipped are you today when going out and about in a hostile environment? Do take note of this fact: that it is up to us to arm ourselves, taking the time and making it a priority so that we don’t get taken down by the enemy. With a renewed mind, of Christ, you will be able to hold fast your profession of faith without wavering. Without this mindset you are open season, and sure to get hit and fall captive again to your lower fallen nature.

Romans 8:15-18 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (18) For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. (KJV)

A true Christian should not be walking around in fear and doubt, because that is not a gift given to us from above. The reason that many are living in fear and torment is because rather than deny their own desires they try to incorporate them into their new found life in Christ. No pain no gain Church. Those that are truly in Christ are those that have taken their spiritual cross and nailed any hindrances of their lower nature to it. Those that are truly in Christ have put their hand to the His plow in His Spiritual field and are no longer looking back for peace and contentment. Those that are truly in Christ realize that this life is only temporary, and is not worth giving up their eternity with God for any cheap thrill or a fleeting lust of the flesh.

Galatians 2:18-21 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. (19) For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. (20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (21) I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. (KJV)

Here is a real buzz kill, Church; that in these verses describes where many of God’s people have gone astray and deny the power of God. Many of God’s people get saved and walk in His liberty for a season only to get floored again by the works of the law. We are saved by grace through faith; that is it Church, nothing else is going to work or be of any power concerning your walk in the Spirit. Christ destroyed the works of the old law so that they would stay dead, died, and buried. However, many of God’s people build doctrines in and on dead things of the law, like carnal baptisms, communions, and any other work that no longer works but rather makes them transgressors.

2 Peter 1:3-4 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: (4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (KJV)

With all that God has given to us, is there any excuse or reason not to be a partaker of His divine nature, which is in Christ? The only thing stopping us is our lower nature and some cheap lust that would try to get in the way. You are not going to let that hinder you today are you?