*Friday, July 15, 2011*

**The End**

Romans 4:14-16 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect: (15) Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression. (16) Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, (KJV)

To sum up this week, we are looking to the end and not behind us any longer, so that we can receive our reward of inheritance. It is so vital not only to begin in the Spirit, but also the fact that our Lord requires His people to end up in that realm if they truly are going to inherit their eternal reward.

Luke 8:14-15 And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. (15) But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience. (KJV)

Let’s look at salvation as being more of an endurance race, where we are not looking to finish first, but rather are making sure that all those that we come in contact with are encouraged by our example to continue to the end. Actually, in the Lord’s realm, those that try to be first end up last, while those that put others ahead of themselves actually end up in first place with the Lord.

Hebrews 3:12-14 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. (13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. (14) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; (KJV)

Whoa whoa whoa, where you going? While running this race you will notice others trying to take shortcuts thinking they found an easier way. You need to stay on the path of life, and continue to exhort and encourage others so that they make it to the end as well.

Galatians 5:7-9 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? (8) This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. (9) A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. (KJV)

While you were off and running, pursuing something of the flesh, our Lord is still reaching out to get you back on the path of life, and off that one of strife. It doesn’t take much leaven to get into the bread of life and detour God’s people, especially if they don’t exercise their Spiritual senses to know the difference between what is good and evil.

John 4:33-34 Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any man brought him ought to eat? (34) Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. (KJV)

What is your motivation today, and are you partaking of some strong meat that will keep you built up so that you can endure to the end?

1Corinthians 9:24-25 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (25) And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. (KJV)

In the end only one will receive the prize; that being the one body of believers in Christ who endures to the finish. You can do this Church, because Jesus Christ said He is the way, the truth, and the life which would never leave us, nor forsake us either.

Revelation 1:8-9 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. (9) I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

Those who through faith and patience will inherit their reward, believing more in the testimony of Jesus Christ and not what their limited lower fallen carnal mind would try to dictate. Let’s continue in the faith Church, grounded and settled today, and not let anything or anyone move you off this path of life, knowing where you are going to end up.