*Monday, October 18, 2010*

**The Only One**

1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. (KJV)

You know this race that is being referred to above, yeah, now we’re talking about an eternal one with an eternal reward given to the winner. Well so far we know who was the first man to run this race successfully and received the crown of life, and was given a seat at the right hand of our Father. For you to make it to the same destination you will need to know personally who that man is, and all that has been accomplished through His sacrifice.

Hebrews 9:12-15 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. (13) For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: (14) How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (15) And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. (KJV)

You know of all the sacrifices that have been offered throughout the Bible, one man was able to offer once and for all everything needed to appease our Father in heaven. In fact He did such a great job that He was given the position of mediator, so that He could now go to God with our requests. In order to receive answer to your prayers as well as your eternal reward, it would do you well to know who the mediator is and what name He answers to.

Hebrews 10:10-12 By which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (11) And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering often the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: (12) But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God; (KJV)

Is Jesus Christ working on your behalf? After all He was dying so that we could live. In fact many of God’s people have suffered and died so that they could keep this message of truth alive and available to those that would be dying to receive it as well. We have a lot of priests today who are still offering dead things that they think are sacrifices, instead of accepting the sacrifice that was already presented on our behalf. Many today still think that there is some kind of works left to do, rather than ceasing from their own works and letting God’s right hand man show them what really works; you know, that stuff about the just living by faith?

Hebrews 8:3-7 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. (4) For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: (5) Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. (6) But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. (7) For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. (KJV)

Only one Lord, by one faith, is going to get you to the one place that our Lord intended for His people to end up at; and that place is above, and it has nothing to do with anything below. We have access to a better covenant, one that is faultless, by one mediator who is waiting to crown God’s real and genuine people with an everlasting crown of life.

1 Timothy 2:4-6 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. (5) For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; (6) Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. (KJV)

Only one body of believers is going to make it home, while the rest will have an eternity to ponder what should have been. If only one is going to be crowned, do you know for sure today who the only one is?