*Thursday, October 21, 2010*

**The Only One**

1 Corinthians 9:24-27 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. (26) I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: (27) But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (KJV)

Strong’s definition for ‘castaway’:

96 adokimos (ad-ok'-ee-mos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and 1384; unapproved, i.e. rejected; by implication, worthless (literally or morally): KJV-- castaway, rejected, reprobate.

While watching one of what golf calls their major events, a player made a mistake in a sand trap which at the end of the game cost him two strokes and he was not crowned the victor. Many of God’s people begin the race on course with our Lord, however, with the many that are called, in the end only a few are actually chosen, because many are reprobates, unapproved because they didn’t take the time to study to show themselves approved unto God. The truth is that many continued on a path that they thought was of God, but ended up spending more time trying to please and appease the people instead of our Lord.

Titus 1:14-16 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. (15) Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. (16) They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. (KJV)

Are you sure today of who you are in Christ, and the path that you are following is ordained by Him? Oh there are many that claim that they know God; in fact, they put so many titles on their organizations and denominations. However, we know or should know what happens to those that add their own versions or additions to things that our Lord never intended to be added to His word, and why in the end they end up reprobates. Oh and then we have many who profess God, however, they are still caught up in the works of the law thinking that something was left to accomplish that God’s own Son had not accomplished and fulfilled on our behalf. God accepted the sacrifice of His Son, why haven’t the many done so as well?

Jeremiah 6:28-30 They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters. (29) The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. (30) Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them. (KJV)

Back in the old days they would shave the coins, and the coins would not be considered approved. Today not much has changed; mankind has been shaving the truth off the gospel of Christ and trying to pawn it off as the real deal. Again only one is going to receive the prize, the crown of life, while the rest will only be able to see what could have been, and then spend an eternity knowing why they were rejected and turned away at the door. Oh so close for many, and yet so far if they do not make it to their destination.

Romans 1:27-28 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. (28) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; (KJV)

Here is another one that is not going to fly through our Lord’s radar, but rather it is considered reprobate as well. These alternate lifestyles that are making the headlines today are just that, an alternate way of life that ends up to be a death sentence instead. There is no question where God stands on this or any issue, because His word clearly spells out what He does approve of, and what He will not approve of. So in conclusion today, if you haven’t renewed your mind with the mind of Christ, well then, the only other alternative is you are against Him.