*Wednesday, March 2, 2011*

**Things Are Looking Up**

1 John 2:20-21 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. (21) I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. (KJV)

Remember what the Bible says about the truth? Yeah, by knowing the truth it would set us free. God has poured out His Spirit upon all flesh so that we could know all things. Now the things that we are referring to are no longer limited to just the carnal realm, but now we are able to see what is going on in the Spiritual realm and partake of this unending one.

Matthew 11:25-27 At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. (26) Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. (27) All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him. (KJV)

In the beginning of man’s existence he fell from grace because of sin and was no longer able to partake of the things of God. Jesus Christ came that we would have life, and that we would have it more abundantly. Mankind was cut off from the tree of life, so God sent the Son to give us access to the things of this tree again. In order to truly know the Father you will need to know His Son. In order to get through to God to partake of the things above you will need to know who our mediator is that restored our relationship with God and provided us an open door to His throne.

Colossians 3:1-3 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. (2) Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. (3) For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. (KJV)

Jesus Christ is described as the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the ending. Christ bought us back from the dead and redeemed us to God, which is the beginning of a new life with some new things attached like, joy, peace, and confidence. Christ is also the end, the end of our old life and old failures that never brought peace. The key is that in order to partake of the new you will have to let go of the old, which is where many draw the line and don’t move forward in their walk. When the things above truly become more of a priority and an influence than the things below here, well, that is what truly separates the men from the boys; children would be another way of putting it.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (KJV)

Hey, did you jump into the pool head first today and get totally immersed, or did you just stick your toe in and walk away? Are you all in today concerning your commitment with the Lord, or is your life getting old and stale? Let’s face it folks, life is boring when it is just limited to the flesh and the things which are seen. However, life is never ending, and so is the joy and peace to those that take a new approach to life looking above and beyond this fallen realm for peace. God has provided reconciliation to mankind by the sacrifice of His Son; it is a free gift that is there for the taking. So today Church, quit settling for something inferior when you can have the best results from above.

1 John 2:27-29 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. (28) And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. (29) If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him. (KJV)

Your confidence and trust will become a reality when you learn to hear from the Lord personally concerning the things above. God can and will use others to help encourage and point you in His direction, however it is up to you to continue your own personal search on a daily basis so that you can see all these things that are provided for God’s people in Christ. Quit looking at the pool and dive in, and see all of the things that you have been given access to through Jesus Christ.