*Tuesday, October 29, 2013*

**Treasure**

Matthew 6:19-21 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: 20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is there will your heart be also. (KJV)

When you limit your attention to the things of this world you are getting robbed and ripped off by the enemy. Even though you may have made a commitment to our Lord and walked in victory for a season, that season comes to an end when you revert your attention back to the things of this life.

Colossians 2:2-3 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; 3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (KJV)

No wonder the enemy is up in arms and making such a fuss; look at all that is on the table and there for the taking for the Christian; a full assurance of understanding; wow that’s something I wasn’t able to experience in my past life; and an acknowledgement of the mystery, something that has been hidden, but is now made manifest for God’s people to partake of. Verse 3 gives us a clear illustration of what the greatest treasure there is available in this universe, that being the wisdom and knowledge in Christ. Is this something you really treasure or do you think that this is something that is only available to your pastor, or other people?

Colossians 2:3-4 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (KJV)

These Spiritual treasures are hidden just like earthly treasures, and need to be dug out and diligently searched for; and as soon as you go looking to our Lord for this treasure, the thief as is in verse 4 will come along and do all he can to talk you out of your reward.

Proverbs 2:1-3 My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; 3 Yea, if thou cry after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; (KJV)

The Bible is specific in which realm we need to seek first on a daily basis, and that would be the kingdom of God. It’s when you make our Lord your first priority that then He in turn makes your requests a priority. Many get this order backward, thinking they will find something in the outward first and then get to the God stuff later.

Proverbs 2:4-5 If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; 5 Then shall thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. (KJV)

Mankind stops at nothing in their pursuit of carnal things, yet just think what kind of church we would have if the order was reversed, seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? Why not find out for yourself what God considers to be real treasure instead of settling for all the vain religious nonsense the majority settles for.

Romans 10:1-4 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. (KJV)

I have encountered many who appear to have a zeal for God, you know the ones that sing and dance, and can jump a pew? However, all that is a waste of time without knowing who they are in Christ and then operating according to His wisdom. Many of these folks still claim they are saved by grace, and then become a disgrace when they revert back to the silly, dead, lifeless works of the law.

Proverbs 2:6-8 For the LORD gives wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding. 7 He lays up sound wisdom for the righteous: he is a buckler to them that walk uprightly. 8 He keeps the paths of judgment, and preserves the way of his saints. (KJV)

Without faith, or another way of looking at it, without operating in the wisdom and knowledge of God it is impossible to please Him. So please give more ear to the things above and you won’t be let down by the things below.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.