*Friday, April 15, 2011*

**True Worship**

John 4:23-26 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (25) The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. (26) Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. (KJV)

If you really desire to worship our Lord, which means to pay homage to or reverence, you will find that you will have to go beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit to do so. You will also find that there is truth in this Spiritual realm that is being revealed to God’s people so that they can know how to get through to God.

Galatians 1:13-16 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: (14) And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. (15) But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, (16) To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (KJV)

Too many people are wasting too much time with dead lifeless religions, rather than finding the truth that would set them free. Paul found out that God was revealing Himself to him through His Son, who was no longer in the flesh and blood realm, but rather one that was above. Paul also found out that this same God was revealing a name that was above all names as well.

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; (11) And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (KJV)

Our theme this week has been worship, or a way of life that would be in Spirit and according to truth. We saw the word ‘must’ being used, and now we see the word ‘should’ as well. There are many who claim that Jesus is Lord, and use this as a catch phrase for their ministries which they have the audacity to name after themselves. However, leaving Christ the Son of the living God out of the equation will leave you out of the equation some day when you show up looking to see if your name is written in His book of life.

Matthew 16:16-18 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

If you don’t know this name for yourself Church then you will not have a firm foundation to build upon, which means that you will stay in bondage and not be set free. We also see that those that have this knowledge from above will be considered blessed and used by God, while all others will just be passed by when our Lord is seeking His true believers.

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (KJV)

So how does one test the spirits? Well, if they don’t know Christ then they don’t know God, and their lives and so called ministries will not be based in Spirit or truth. Our Lord was quite specific in the fact that we are either with Him or against His plan of salvation. Do you truly know who you are in Christ today and the name which is above every name, so that your life is truly one that will bring glory to God in Spirit and especially in truth? God bless Church, and keep seeking those things above.