*Thursday, October 31, 2013*

**Walk in Faith**

Romans 4:16-18 Therefore it is of faith that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickened the dead, and calls those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. (KJV)

Despite what many think, or how they portray God and His plan of salvation, the reality is that it has more to do with God and less with man. However, mankind has it backwards thinking salvation is based on what they do, which eliminates grace from the equation. How did we end up with so many silly denominations when our Lord was so specific to point out that He would only give credence to one faith?

Isaiah 42:8-9 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images. 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. (KJV)

There is only one Lord that can show you new things, but that only happens when you let the old stuff pass away. You can’t incorporate your old life with the new one, it just doesn’t work. In order to walk in a newness of life you have to let go of the old one; and yes some of the old people from your past that are no longer likeminded.

Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. (KJV)

Do you think cutting corners or pulling a fast one to get your way is going to work anymore? That old nature needs to have the life choked out of it so that someone new can resurrect and take over. Once you put on that new man then our Lord can start declaring new things in your life. Sometimes our walk seems a bit stale and it’s like we are walking the same treadmill, exerting a lot of energy, but not moving forward. That happens when we hang onto our old nature and its desires rather than seeking the things of the new one.

Romans 6:4-7 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin. (KJV)

What is the real baptism our Lord gives credence to? Well it certainly is not based on dunking someone in water and then thinking something spiritual has happened, that is just watered down doctrine. Our Lord has declared a whole new realm and a way of life for you to walk in; however, your old way of thinking has to die first. If you’re tired of not getting results and you sense your prayers are not getting answered, it’s most likely because you are not willing to die to self to walk in this newness of life.

Ephesians 3:19-20 And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God. 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, (KJV)

Do you know how to experience the fullness of God instead of the bits and pieces you have settled for in the past? There is a lot going on in the realm of the Spirit, a lot more than you could have ever thought of or imagined. Why not find out what path God declared for you to walk in before the foundation of the world.

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