*Tuesday, July 23, 2013*

**Works**

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)

Think of the term Israel in the above verse as Christians, God’s chosen people. The Lord no longer looks at just the outward man, but is now working within. It is Christ in you who is your only hope of glory. The downfall of Israel today is that they will not let go of the old law and rituals, and for those in the flesh history keeps repeating itself, rearing its ugly head in the form of religion and rituals, a place where man reverts back to works apart from grace.

Revelation 2:2-5 I know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast labored, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. (KJV)

Remember what it was like when you first experienced salvation? It was a sweet surrender where you had finally relinquished control of your own life and destiny and turned it over to someone else who you found knew what was best for you. So what happened to your first love, and why are you so worn out? What happened to the simplicity of the gospel?

Matthew 6:31-34 Therefore take no thought, saying, what shall we eat? Or, what shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek :) for your heavenly Father knows that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (KJV)

It’s quite obvious that at some point you left your first love and went off on your own, thinking that you knew better and are now wondering why you are not getting results. You have to seek God first.

Revelation 3:1-3 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; these things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works that thou hast a name that thou lives, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shall not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shall not know what hour I will come upon thee. (KJV)

The enemy has many of God’s people chasing their tail seeking something in this fallen realm first instead of the kingdom of God. In order to be an over comer you will need to know where God is leading you today so that you can get His results and not die of starvation from a lack of spiritual food.

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