*Thursday, July 25, 2013*

**Works**

Matthew11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (KJV)

When looking around at the fallen world we are surrounded with, we see so many who literally work themselves into a tizzy and are never satisfied. They are looking for peace and rest, many thinking that they have to wait until they retire to get it. Well, God has a rest stop for His people now and it is not of works, but of grace so that we can give credit where credit is really due. Are you tired of running on your spiritual treadmills thinking you will find rest in this chaotic realm? Well that machine can be summed up in one word which is the fall of many, religion.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

Instead of following blind religious leaders who keep ending up in a ditch, why not ditch those dead works and move on to something that really does work, grace. Did you know that God has already mapped out your life and decided what good works He would involve you in? That is why it is so vital that you find your place in His body of believers and then follow through with your calling by ceasing from your own works.

Isaiah 55:6-9 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. (KJV)

Faith without works is dead. The Lord’s ways and what He would like to work through you is so much better than what your carnal mind can conjure up; however, you won’t see His results until you get out of the way and let Him loose. Many people won’t go beyond their own carnal thoughts, and then wonder why they don’t get any results from above. If you keep doing the same carnal things don’t expect something spiritual to result.

Ephesians 3:19-21 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, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (KJV)

The love of Christ is so much above what you could ever ask or think of. You can get real results which is what the fullness of God is referring to. I hear verse 20 quoted so often and it’s a crowd favorite; however, so few truly experience these results because they will not let the Lord loose to work on their behalf. They still settle for old things instead of moving out of their carnal comfort zones to something new.

Dearly loved, let go of the old and move forward in the new today. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.