*Tuesday, April 30, 2013*

**Corinthians**

1 Corinthians 2:1-3 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. (KJV)

Paul the apostle gives his own rendition of this born again experience, separating spirit and soul, or in other words separating what the Lord is revealing to him compared with what he has heard in the past. One of the definitions for testimony in verse one is mystery, something that was hidden in the past that is now being revealed. You will find out for yourself as Paul did that this revelation did not come from other people, but first hand from God’s lips to his ears; that being his spiritual ones.

Colossians 2:2-4 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. 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. (KJV)

In Christ is hid a wealth of knowledge, something that cannot be bought or found in the carnal realm. This revelation will give you a full assurance of who you are in Christ and all the spiritual blessings that He has blessed His people with. We also see the warning issued because many have allowed someone other than Christ to give them a watered down inferior version of the mystery because they have leaned back to their own understanding.

Galatians 1:9-12 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. 10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. 11 But I certify you, brethren that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. 12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. (KJV)

As you move ahead in your walk with the Lord you will find some of the influences from your past are more carnal in nature than spiritual. It is at that point that you will need to choose to take up your spiritual cross and die to those that choose to hold more to the outward, what I refer to as a religious realm, rather than walking in the new life that the Lord died to give us access to. So ask yourself honestly today, are you getting your information firsthand or are you going to let someone other than God dictate it to you?

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