*Friday, May 17, 2013*

**Galatians**

Galatians 1:9-10 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. (KJV)

People pleasing, ear tickling preachers just don’t cut it with the Lord. Only the truth will set His people free. Big crowds don’t usually follow someone teaching truth because in these latter days, few are really willing to die to self in order to live. And just because you chose to please God, don’t think it strange if others around you don’t, even if those people are your close family members.

Romans 2:28-29 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God. (KJV)

Paul found out himself that God’s chosen people were considered to be part of the heavenly family of Christ not based on their outward lineage, but their spiritual rebirth. This had to hit close to home for him because he was brought up in a strict culture concerning his Jewish heritage.

Matthew 10:34-36 Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35 For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. (KJV)

That sword referenced above is a spiritual one that separates between soul and spirit, or in other words, separates what is of God and what is of man. As you see, this will hit close to home when you find that in order to walk in the new, you may have to leave old things behind.

Matthew 10:37-39 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. 39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it. (KJV)

If someone has told you that it is an easy path to heaven, they obviously haven’t truly been walking on the one that leads them home. Many have tried to incorporate the old with the new and they just don’t mix (Matthew 9:16-17). Eventually one or the other compromises, which usually ends up to be the Christian trying to appease those that hold more to the flesh than to the Spirit.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in there at: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

The way home is not as wide as many claim, and all roads, or so called paths, don’t end up leading to the same place. At least not the place the Lord intended for His people.

Matthew 9:37-38 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest. (KJV)

The Lord is looking for a few good people, are you available today?

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