*Wednesday, April 2, 2014*

**Good and Evil**

Isaiah 5:20-23 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: 23 Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! (KJV)

The difference between good and evil is night and day; at least it is when you allow the light of the gospel of Christ to shine in your heart. Today there are many who call what God considers evil, good, and what our Lord says is good, evil. The same thing was taking place in the time of Isaiah and it is only going to get worse and worse in these last days we are in.

Malachi 2:16-17 For the LORD, the God of Israel saith that he hates putting away: for one covers violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit that ye deal not treacherously. 17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, wherein have we wearied him? When ye say, every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and he delights in them; or, where is the God of judgment? (KJV)

These same things are happening with God’s people and not just those of the world. They happen when mankind no longer chooses the tree of life, but instead settles for the forbidden fruit.

John 7:6-7 Then Jesus said unto them, my time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hates, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. (KJV)

The deeper you go with the Lord, the more removed you will become with the world and its fallen way of thinking. It is at that point in which you will have to decide who you are going to serve and please, the God in heaven or a fallen mankind? The only standing ovation you should be getting is when you are on your way out and not on the way in like many of mans’ false prophets.

John 15:19-22 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you; the servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak for their sin. (KJV)

God still has a few that He has chosen who have not fallen for the fruit of this world, who will only accept the fruit of the Spirit. The reason for all the hatred is similar to what we saw with the first man Adam who had heard the voice of God and tried to cover up the outward man not realizing their spiritual nakedness.

Matthew 23:26-28 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter that the outside of them may be clean also. 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. (KJV)

The verses refer to rotten fruit which can be easily described in one word, religion.

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