*Friday, April 5, 2013*

**Hope**

Galatians 5:4-7 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love. 7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? (KJV)

This week our goal has been to give you a basic overview of the plan of salvation, and the hope our Lord sent to us. Anytime you see ‘hope’ or ‘hoped for’ throughout the Word it refers to expectation of good, or a victorious outcome. You will find that salvation is not based on your works anymore, but faith; learning to yield to someone who would like to work on your behalf, if you let Him.

Colossians 1:21-23 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; (KJV)

Sometimes we are our own worst enemies, especially when we lean back to our own understanding. You will find that as you continue on the path of life many will fall away; because even though they began so well in the Spirit, they returned back to the ways of the flesh thinking they could achieve perfection on their own. Now that you have begun to walk in the Spirit it is imperative that you stay in this realm if you desire to see the Lord’s outcome of what He expected for you.

Colossians 1:26-28 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

You will discover that our Lord’s realm is described as a mystery, something hidden or concealed to the carnal man, but readily revealed to the spiritual one. As we go along through the Word we will see who and what this mystery involves so that we can personally know for our self how to plug into this power source from above and keep our hope planted in this fertile soil.

Hebrews 6:10-12 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. 11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. (KJV)

All the promises of God are on the table today and there for the taking. I hope you grab hold of what is rightfully yours; a shield of faith which quenches all the fiery darts of the enemy. God bless and expect the best.