*Tuesday, June 17, 2014*

**I Knew Him Not**

John 1:30-34 This is he of whom I said, after me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me. 31 And I knew him not: but that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come baptizing with water. 32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him. 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, upon whom thou shall see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizes with the Holy Ghost. 34 And I saw, and bare record that this is the Son of God. (KJV)

Today the Son of God is no longer manifesting Himself in just the outward; you will need to look beyond the realm of the flesh to get the inside scoop on who the Son of God is. At least John had an excuse for not knowing for sure who the Son of God was because he was not born again. For the Church today there is no excuse for not knowing who the Son of God really is and what name He goes by. This week we will look beyond the flesh and into the Spirit to find the answer to this mystery.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new. (KJV)

The reality is that you really can’t get to know someone for who they really are until you can see beyond who they are on the outside. We have been warned about many false prophets who have risen up and are deceiving not just a few, but many of God’s people. You will never know who you really are either until you get to know the Lord for who He really is, then He in turn will show you who you are in Him.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (KJV)

It’s amazing when you see and get to know the Lord personally how many wannabe’s and pretenders there are out and about pulling the wool over the eyes of gullible sheep. Many profess to know God; but for those that have had the Lord reveal himself to them personally, they see right through the phony facades of the enemy and his so called prophets and apostles.

Mark 7:5-7 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands? 6 He answered and said unto them, well hath Esaias prophesied of you hypocrites, as it is written, this people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. 7 Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (KJV)

Once you have come to a working knowledge of who you are in Christ and the only doctrine He acknowledges as truth, you can easily discern those that are not of God. Many who are still in the flesh claim to honor God with their religious doctrines, however, their heart is far from the truth.

II John 1:9-10 Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (KJV)

The doctrine of Christ goes beyond the veil of the flesh and reveals who the Son of God is. The doctrine of Christ is the only one our Lord gives credence to. If you are bidding god speed to anything other than what is coming straight from the throne of God through His Son, you will find it has eternal consequences if you continue down this dead end path.

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