*Thursday, June 19, 2014*

**I Knew Him Not**

Matthew 16:13-15 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, who do men say that I the Son of man am? 14 And they said, some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? (KJV)

The theme of this week has been I knew him not, which even John the Baptist admitted to. As we see above there were others who didn’t know who the Son is either, until they had a personal revelation.

Matthew 16:16-18 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

Today we have as many names given to the Son as we have denominations. However, our Lord pinpointed the correct response; and given the fact that He is the same yesterday, today, and forever I would say this is important to know. The Lord asked this question for a reason, so that those that knew this name would have a rock solid spiritual foundation to build upon.

2 Corinthians 3:14-15 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remains the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. 15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. (KJV)

Today that same veil is upon the heart of many who are standing in pulpits claiming to know God. Without a personal knowledge of who they are in Christ, they will continue to remain in the dark and separated from the truth that would set them free.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (KJV)

When you turn to the Lord and away from what man claims is truth, that is where you will find liberty, and who you are in Christ. Without this knowledge you will be just like John the Baptist who knew Jesus the Son of man after the outward, but was not able to correctly identify who Christ the Son of God is.

Ephesians 3:3-5 How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, 4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ) 5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; (KJV)

You know there was not much of a mystery to Jesus of Nazareth, many could easily identify with him according to the flesh. The mystery involves the realm of the Spirit and as you see it is only revealed to God’s people by His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knows the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so the things of God knows no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (KJV)

Church quit settling for what the majority settles for and search the scriptures for yourself. What you will find is that when you see the term reveal, or revelation you will see it involves Christ, the Son of God.

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