*Thursday, April 25, 2013*

**John**

John 15:4-6 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. (KJV)

Let’s look at salvation as a contract, a binding document that promises reconciliation between God and man; but do know that you need to read all the fine print of this document in order to keep the blessings in play.

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)

Abide simply means to continue in. So as you read the contract God drew up between us and Him you will see the word “if” mentioned consistently throughout. So the end result should be that we show up blameless at His throne come the Day of Judgment. Do take note of the fact that the “iffy” part of the equation is on our end and not the Lord’s.

Hebrews 6:4-8 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: 8 But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. (KJV)

Without faith you re-enter the realm of impossible where you will no longer be pleasing to God. Many fall away by grasping hold of man’s doctrines instead of the Lord’s, which is nothing short of an insult to Him. As you can see, the end result will be burned.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: 2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. (KJV)

Spend some time reading all of chapter 28 because it clearly spells out what is available on both ends of the spectrum of salvation, the good and bad.

Deuteronomy 28:15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: (KJV)

Again the Bible is specific to let you know all that is available to the believer in Christ, but only if you let the truth set you free.

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