*Friday, April 26, 2013*

**John**

John 15:5-7 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. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. (KJV)

Life is all about choices and we are all one choice away from either walking toward an eternal life with Christ, or walking away from what is rightfully ours for the taking. God sent His Son so that you would be a partaker of His divine nature, the only one that will live for eternity.

Romans 11:19-21 Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be graffed in. 20 Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: 21 For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. (KJV)

The natural branches being referred to are God’s original chosen people, the Jews. Many of them fell away from the tree of life and withered because of simple unbelief. The Church today needs to heed the same warning.

Romans 11:22-23 Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be graffed in: for God is able to graff them in again. (KJV)

God didn’t send His Son to die for mankind just to watch them ignore His plan of salvation, something He does take personally. Oh what a loving and just God we truly do serve and His goodness and mercy will last forever. However, it is your choice if you will embrace the truth and continue to abide in that goodness.

Philippians 2:14-16 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain. (KJV)

My exhortation, as well as warning for the Church today is that you grasp hold of the truth and continue in the faith grounded and settled, no longer being moved away with petty bickering of this world. The word ‘vain’ refers to empty or worthless; not a title that you want to be tagged with on the Day of Judgment.

Matthew 15:8-9 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. (KJV)

My prayer for all of God’s people is that you get your instructions firsthand from above through the Holy Spirit, and don’t just settle for man’s limited outward interpretations of it. If you truly desire to worship the Lord, then do so in the realm of the Spirit and according to His truth. Anything else is a waste of time, followed by an eternity to ponder what should have been.

Isaiah 1:19-20 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it. (KJV)

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