*Wednesday, April 6, 2011*

**Just Off Broadway**

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: (14) Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. (KJV)

When giving the right directions to those that are asking today of the hope that is within you, the answer is narrowed down to one single path that is not heavily traveled, because many haven’t been looking in the right place for it. You will also find for yourself that when going on this path that there is not much wiggle room for any excess things of the flesh, but rather any unhealthy baggage will need to be discarded and left behind if one is going to proceed forward.

Proverbs 11:1-3 A false balance is abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is his delight. (2) When pride cometh, then cometh shame: but with the lowly is wisdom. (3) The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. (KJV)

As we see illustrated above in verse 2, that pride will cause one to get out of balance with the Lord; and like a ship it can cause it to sink if it leans too far. There is a big vast difference between what our Lord says is just and what man thinks will float. It is so important on a daily basis that you spend time in prayer and in the Word, so that you can get the right balance and not end up falling for something false and out of whack.

Hebrews 10:38-39 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. (39) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (KJV)

Those that are justified in the sight of our Lord are those that are living by faith and not by sight. Given the fact that Jesus Christ is the only author and finisher of our faith, then it would be fitting to say that He is the only one that can keep us in good standing with God. So Church, today one of two things is happening, we are either with God or we have withdrawn ourselves from His path of life, and have gone back to the broad way, that way that leads to destruction and perdition.

Luke 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God. (KJV)

The just that are living by faith are those who are looking forward and not to the past to find life. While you are looking back down memory lane you are missing out on what is going on in the realm of faith; a realm much better than your old ways or thoughts. Don’t get taken down that old path, because you won’t find life there but rather heartache and misery. The fact is that those who are in Christ are finding out that on His path old things are passed away and all things have become new. When you retreat and draw back to the old it’s like trying to find life in a graveyard.

Galatians 3:8-11 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. (9) So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. (10) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. (11) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith. (KJV)

So today, do you desire to be justified in God’s sight? Do you truly desire some balance in your life so that you are not staggering around looking for truth? Well, you won’t find it on the path that involves any of the works of the old law like many are still clinging to, rather the only path that is blessed will be that one of faith. Your faith is developed by hearing and only giving ear to the truth of God’s word and plan of salvation, which will keep you in good standing with Him. God bless, stay balanced, and don’t fall for any works of the law that no longer work.