*Wednesday, October 16, 2013*

**Name Above Every Name**

1 Corinthians 15:47-50 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. 48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. (KJV)

The name Jesus Christ says so much more than just what mans’ earthly carnal mind thinks. When I hear so many preach and teach in the name of Jesus and leave out Christ it clearly tells me that these people have not gone beyond this earthly realm for their information. In fact I have seen some ministries as well as ministers claim Jesus is Lord leaving out the second man from heaven. These organizations are still in the dark and are completely blind to the truth.

Romans 1:21-23 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, 23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. (KJV)

Many can look back at the Old Testament and see where God’s people changed His glory into a golden calf. The children of Israel encountered cultures that worshiped bird like images and other creeping things. Today mankind in his limited understanding has changed the glory of God into a corruptible man again, claiming Jesus was God. However, the Bible is specific in the fact that if any man has not the spirit of Christ then they have nothing to do with God. Jesus was a man with a lower nature that had to rely on the second man from heaven, which is Christ, or He would not have been able to live a life without sin. So we clearly see history has a tendency to repeat itself all over again when man doesn’t understand who Christ is.

Hebrews 2:9-10 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. (KJV)

The Bible is quite specific to point out that Jesus was a created being, just like you and I. God always is, always was, and always will be around. The Son of God who was sent for our salvation took up residence in this man which then made Him complete. Understanding who the Son is will show you who God is and how to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. (KJV)

It’s a mystery to those that are limited to the earthly understanding of how God’s plan of salvation was manifest through the man Jesus of Nazareth who was justified by the Spirit of Christ within Him.

James 1:13-14 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempted he any man: 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. (KJV)

In closing today, if Jesus had been God then how could he have been tempted in every manner like we are? The Bible is specific that he endured the same temptations as we do.

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