*Friday, July 4, 2014*

**Not of Men**

John 14:23-26 Jesus answered and said unto him, if a man loves me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loves me not keeps not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. 25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV)

One of the things that irks me a bit is when I hear all this nonsense about Bible memorization. Most of what I hear these people promoting is dealing with the carnal mind and not the Spirit. If you truly love God and His people then you will rely on the Sprit to give the answer that is needed. Let the Spirit remind you what needs to be said and quit relying on mans’ scripted answers.

John 8:28-29 Then said Jesus unto them, when ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him. (KJV)

Even Jesus of Nazareth had to be taught by the Holy Spirit otherwise he could have been misled and fallen into sin. Even though many claim he was God, you see that just like you and I he had to rely on our Father in heaven to do those things that were pleasing in His sight. Wouldn’t that be wonderful to be able to make the statement “I do always those things the please him”. Well, the more you allow the Spirit to teach you and the more you rely on what you are hearing from Him, the more you will be pleasing to God. That is when our walk becomes louder than our talk.

Romans 10:16-18 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. 18 But I say, have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. (KJV)

Verse 17 is misquoted often because many think you get more faith when you hear more of the Word. The reality is that we all have been given the same measure of faith that Jesus Christ operated in; and when we hear the Word personally, straight from the source, we see more of what we were given when we were born again. As you see, the Lord is no respecter of persons; His word is already out and about covering the whole planet; it’s the hearing part that is lacking on our end and not His.

Amos 8:11-13 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it. 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst. (KJV)

Today there is a spiritual famine taking place, a result of a lack of spiritual hearing. Many of God’s people, who begin in the Spirit, are falling away because they are relying more on what the outward man is dictating instead of the inward one.

Revelation 2:25-29 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcomes, and keeps my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. (KJV)

Our Lord’s final warning to the Church before it is taken away involves hearing; holding fast to what you hear from God and not man. The reality is that you will never be able to overcome until you give ear to what the Spirit of truth is speaking to you.

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