*Thursday, May 22, 2014*

**Nothing Works**

Galatians 6:1-3 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. (KJV)

The law of Christ is spiritual, based on faith in what our Lord has done on our behalf and would like to do in and through you if you will let him. The law of faith means that you are willing to surrender your thoughts and desires by putting others ahead of yourself. Anytime that process gets reversed we end up deceiving ourselves thinking that salvation is based on works and not faith.

Philippians 2:7-9 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (KJV)

In a world where people think bigger is better; we see our Lord’s way of operating is just the opposite. Many have made a name for themselves with their world wide ministries and in essence are exalting themselves. Our Lord was given a name and a position higher than any other because he humbled himself by putting others first. You don’t see much of that anymore when watching some of these holier than thou TV preachers.

Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (KJV)

That burden gets much heavier when you try to make a name for yourself and try to carry it on your own. Again we see our Lord describing who He is and why He was used of God effectively, which again involves being meek and lowly.

Ephesians 4:1-2 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; (KJV)

Oh I wish the Lord would use me more. Well I am sure He would like to use more of His people, if they would only get themselves out of the way. Lowliness and meekness means we have come to the end of ourselves and have allowed someone else to take over. We truly realize that our salvation is based on grace through faith, and certainly not anything to do with ourselves.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. (KJV)

Many people have heard the Word but have allowed the enemy to steal it from their heart. Those that receive the Word keep it; because they received it with meekness and not pride.

Matthew 21:5-7 Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass. 6 And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them, 7 And brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes and they set him thereon. (KJV)

It’s called the law of Christ because our Lord set the example of what it takes to be used by God. If our Lord is not using you maybe you need to check which direction you are headed in.

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