*Monday, October 4, 2010*

**Rock Of Ages**

Matthew 16:16-18 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. (17) And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. (18) And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (KJV)

Our Lord asked His disciples a simple question, and before receiving the correct response, He was given numerous answers. There is only one answer, one name that our Father in heaven considers the correct response, and as we will see this week there is only one name that He will respond to as well. It is very vital that we know our Lord’s name because He is our only way to the throne; and given the fact that despite many religions and doctrines that man has dreamed up, still in the end there is only one name that our Father gives credence to. By knowing the one name given to us from above, it will also give you the assurance and confidence that our Father knows your name also, and has it written in His personal book of life.

Psalms 118:21-23 I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation. (22) The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. (23) This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. (KJV)

This stone or rock solid name is truly the rock of ages, because it is the only name that will endure to the end. Our Father sent His Son to reveal the only name which we could build a house on that would withstand the winds of false doctrines that are blowing many away. Knowing this name for yourself will keep your house in order, and provide a place for the Son to dwell in. Anything or anyone else other than Christ will not hold up, no matter how many names and titles man tries to pin on our Lord.

Matthew 7:22-24 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? (23) And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. (24) Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: (KJV)

If you notice with many, yeah many folks not just a few, but many had shown up to receive their crown of life only to find out that something or someone was missing from the equation. That someone just happened to be Christ, the Rock that would have kept their house in order and not blown away with the winds of doctrines that caused many to fall even though they still thought they were doing the Lord’s will. My prayer for you is that you don’t wait until it’s too late to find out why the name of Christ is so important to know.

Deuteronomy 32:31-33 For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. (32) For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes are grapes of gall, their clusters are bitter: (33) Their wine is the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps. (KJV)

No man can serve two masters; and your Bible is quite clear and specific in the fact that we are either with the Lord or against Him, no in between. There is a name, a revelation that each and every believer needs to know and understand for themselves if they truly plan on inheriting eternal life. Each and every believer needs to know the Rock that their own building needs to be built upon if they really are going to endure to the end and make it to their eternal destination.

1 Corinthians 10:4-5 And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. (5) But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. (KJV)

As you can see those that refused the Rock in the Old Testament ended up over thrown instead of making it to the Promised Land. Those that do not know and realize who the Rock is and what name He goes by will end up with the same results. God bless and Rock on Church.