*Wednesday, October 6, 2010*

**Rock Of Ages**

Matthew 16:20-22 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ. (21) From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. (22) Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. (KJV)

Now I would like you to take note of the fact that upon the revelation of Christ you will find, as the disciples did, that the message changes, and things like suffering and dying to self start to come into play. Yeah, it is no longer the bless me clubs that we see today; you know, all the fun and games, and how if we just show up at some building on a weekly basis, or throw a wad of cash at some ministry, that we have it made. Oh no, not so fast Church, because in order for our Lord to make it to heaven He had to be crucified and die. You will find in your own walk as well that before you get to heaven you need to be dying to get there.

Philippians 3:10-11 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; (11) If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. (KJV)

If by any means; do you know what that means? Yeah, that stuff that Peter didn’t want to hear the Lord talk about is the same stuff that many don’t want to hear about either. Conformable, means to share in the same likeness or similar to. Remember how our Lord died, and by what means? Yeah not to pleasant; and yet it is something that we all need to do ourselves, take up our Spiritual cross and nail whatever part of the flesh is hindering our walk to it.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. (KJV)

Paul understood what it meant to die to self so that a new man could resurrect within Him as well. Many enjoy the blessings of God for a season; however, that season quickly comes to an abrupt end when persecutions or sufferings come into play. Do keep in mind that every time you crucify and subdue something negative in your life it then allows the Lord to take over with something positive resurrecting instead.

Galatians 5:24-25 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. (KJV)

Instead of catering to and pampering the lower nature, as many do, those that know the truth and have been set free in it, know that they have to eliminate the hindrance of the flesh. Many people today, rather than learning to be over comers end up underachievers because they never get past their own lusts and desires to walk a path that our Lord desires to see them on. Many are like Peter was, putting their fingers in their ears and going la, la, la, la, attempting to ignore the answer.

Matthew 26:41-42 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (42) He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done. (KJV)

You know, it’s not like our Lord enjoyed what He was asked of God to do, but He knew that His calling involved a crucifixion also. If you truly plan on walking in the newness of life that our Lord intended for you to walk in, then your old man will have to die as well so that the a new one can resurrect and be brought to life.