*Monday, December 30, 2013*

**Salvation**

Acts 4:10-12 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. (KJV)

This week we will discuss salvation, what that word means and what it entails. When you see this term mentioned throughout the Old and New Testament you see it refers to attributes like deliverance, safety, health, prosperity, and victory. This was everything I was missing out on before my conversion in Christ which is why I was so miserable and confused. I have found that salvation is a new way of life and has been there for the taking despite how many false prophets put a price tag on it making it appear to be for sale. Salvation required me to step out in faith so that the Lord could confirm His word in me, so I could experience the love of God personally for myself.

Psalm 62:1-2 Truly my soul waits upon God: from him cometh my salvation. 2 He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defense; I shall not be greatly moved. (KJV)

I found out early on that even though I made prayer requests to God in my time, He answered them in His time, which by the way did turn out to be perfect timing despite my fits and tantrums. I now realize that my deliverance cannot come from any other source than the Lord Himself, even though the enemy will try to convince me that something in the carnal realm will provide the answer.

Psalm 62:5-8 My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defense; I shall not be moved. 7 In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. 8 Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah. (KJV)

I found myself in my past life running to and fro seeking answers like a drunken person unable to walk a straight line. I have discovered this same pattern can take place all over again when I try to do things on my own without being led by the Spirit. When I tried to hide things from God and pretend they weren’t happening, all it did was the delay the process of moving forward in my walk. My advice to the Church today is to come clean with God and pour your heart out to Him and He will show you how to be an over comer in those things that are hindering your walk. Let’s face it, He already sees right though us and knows what is going on so why try to hide it from Him?

2 Corinthians 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causes us to triumph in Christ, and makes manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place. (KJV)

The reality is I got tired of being a loser, even though in my mind I thought I was winning. Victory is there for the taking as long as I stay in Christ. What does salvation mean to you today?

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