*Thursday, March 10, 2011*

**See For Yourself**

James 1:23-25 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (25) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (KJV)

Continuing along on the path of life that our Lord ordained for you to walk on, it is very important that you are able to get a clear view, not only of our Lord, but of yourself also. Many begin with God with good intentions, however somewhere along the way they get sidetracked and end up derailing, because they no longer take the time to seek God as well as renew their mind to what got them into the kingdom in the first place.

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (9) Not of works, lest any man should boast. (10) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

Hey folks, wasn’t it some humility that got you into the kingdom of God in the first place? When you looked into your spiritual mirror today did you see a willing servant looking back, or did you become the savior of mankind? This plan of salvation, is it something that you came up with, or is it a plan that someone else came up with long before you came along? God so graciously gave us access to His kingdom so that we no longer would have to follow a dead end path with the same dead end results. However, it is amazing how many begin their walk in the Spirit and then try to perfect it by the flesh, forgetting what manner of man they truly are.

John 5:41-44 I receive not honour from men. (42) But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. (43) I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. (44) How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? (KJV)

Those people that you are getting counsel from, ask yourself honestly, is it someone that the Lord led you to, or is it because they have a big following and are popular with man? Are you really only seeking the honor and approval from our Lord today, or do you base your walk on what others say about you? Oh, and how about these clowns that put their own name on their ministries, are you kidding me? It just tells you whose ministry it really is. Somewhere along the line, someone who may have begun in the Spirit is definitely looking more at their own works and not at what really works concerning the kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Psalms 34:1-4 I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. (2) My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. (3) O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. (4) I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. (KJV)

Some of these so called ministers that are boasting about the things that they claim they are doing for God, are they the ones that are going to answer your prayers and deliver you from all your fears? Those that truly know the Lord are the ones that are boasting about what He has done for us, not the other way around. So today if you really want something or someone to boast about, hey how about the Lord instead?

John 8:31-34 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; (32) And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (33) They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? (34) Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. (KJV)

We see again the importance of not just looking into our Spiritual mirrors, but continuing to do so, on a daily basis. If you don’t continue on the path of life which is dictated by the word of God then you will end up again in sin and bondage. The Lord came to set us free from ourselves and our fallen desires so that we could walk in the Spirit and live a life free from sin.

Psalms 44:8 In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever. Selah. (KJV)