*Friday, January 13, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Ephesians 1:15-18 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, (16) Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; (17) That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, (KJV)

God has a treasure chest of wisdom and knowledge which is made available to us because of the sacrifice of His Son. It is a lot easier to receive all these treasures when one can see clearly where they are located and how to access them personally for themselves. Your faith is developed and made stronger by your own hearing, what you hear personally and know came from our Lord’s mouth to your heart. Anything else just won’t have much substance or real meaning to you unless you receive it for yourself.

John 3:27-28 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven. (28) Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him. (KJV)

You will encounter so many things on this earth that are just too good to be true, because what man has to offer only appeals to the outward man and not the inward Spiritual one. John was simply pointing out the fact that a man can receive nothing of substance unless it comes from above, because anything else is below the standard that God intended for His creation.

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)

While watching what man calls a ministry, they take handpicked people and get their handpicked opinions of their organization to try to appeal to the people. Once again we see that our Lord’s realm is just the opposite, you know like how the Spirit and flesh are contrary one to another. If you are seeking approval from anyone other than God then you will be missing out on the only true honor that can come from above.

1 Peter 1:8-10 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: (9) Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. (10) Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: (KJV)

At the end of this temporal life you are going to desire to receive access into the eternal one, after all wasn’t that the whole intention of salvation? In order to receive that reward you need to make sure today that you truly are receiving the things of God first hand. You have access to a salvation and things that angels desired to look into, so I pray that your first desire was above and not below.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (KJV)

In conclusion, don’t get caught up with these clowns who put a price tag on the things of God, because the Bible tells us clearly just how foolish it is, and what realm they are truly operating in. God bless true Church; and hear as well as receive firsthand, personally, all that God’s Son was dying to give you access to.