*Wednesday, January 18, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Colossians 2:5-7 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. (6) As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: (7) Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. (KJV)

The word received in verse 6 means to associate with, as well as become intimate. You will find in a marriage that the more one can communicate openly and honestly expressing their love and commitment to each other, the more established they become in the relationship. Consider yourself a receiver; receiving words that are Spirit and life, and then walking in the truth of that new life. For some though, their talk can get a bit ahead of their walk which can get one in trouble. Not only does the Lord take notice of this when one gets a bit windy and ahead of themselves but others can see right through the facades as well. So instead of being a true example of the believers, well you end up a deceiver instead, mostly deceiving yourself.

2 John 1:4-6 I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. (5) And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. (6) And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. (KJV)

Life with the Lord is about finding the proper balance; not thinking to highly of yourself as well as not shortchanging your calling and place in the body of Christ either. The rejoicing that we see taking place in the verse above is a result of those that have found the proper balance of not only hearing and receiving the word of God, but then knowing how to be doers of it as well. You will find in your own walk with the Lord that you will be doing a lot more rejoicing as well when you seek only to please God and are not concerned with what others think of you.

1 Peter 4:10-11 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (11) If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (KJV)

God chose you for who you really are and not for someone you are not. The more you realize this for yourself the more you will quit trying to pretend that you are someone else. Take hold of the gift of God today, receive the message being delivered by Christ and don’t be entangled again with a yoke of bondage by trying to be something that you are not. God loves you for who you are, and if you try to be someone else, well that would be considered a stranger and not someone that He will open up to.