*Monday, February 27, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

John 3:1-3 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: (2) The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. (3) Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (KJV)

Nicodemus, a master or teacher of the Jews came to our Lord at night because of the uproar caused by many who just could not see beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit. Today we have the same confusion taking place all around us as well, because many do not understand the mystery of the gospel and how it took two to make us one with God.

John 3:4-7 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (5) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. (KJV)

Jesus himself was man that had to be born again in order to understand and deliver a message of salvation to a fallen world. Though many today swear that he was God, the truth is that he was the vessel that God used to house the Spirit of His Son Christ within. Until one can see beyond the veil of the flesh and into the Spirit, then they will not be able to truly worship our God in Spirit and just as importantly, in truth.

John 1:14-17 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (15) John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. (16) And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. (17) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. (KJV)

We talked last week about the Son of God who is Christ. This week we are looking at another form the Son took on, that being the son of man also. Jesus Christ was the package that the word of God was enveloped within to bring truth back to planet earth. Jesus Christ is the complete name of the Son who was sent our way, giving credence to the Son of man as well as the Son of God, and of these two was one new man resurrected.

John 1:1-4 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (2) The same was in the beginning with God. (3) All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. (4) In him was life; and the life was the light of men. (KJV)

When you send a message to someone, you are sending a message asking them to take your word to heart and then respond to that message. You may send that message in an envelope, however it’s the message itself that will bring life and direction to those that open it and receive it as well. Jesus of Nazareth was the envelope that God sent our way, and many back then just as today spent too much time looking at the outward and did not get within the envelope to hear what God was speaking personally through Him. In conclusion today, the more that you open up to our Lord, the more He will reveal to you as well.