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**Slice of Life**

1 Corinthians 13:10-12 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. (11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. (KJV)

So I shall know even as I am known? Interesting question, because it makes one think, how am I known to God? Well, does God just know you according to the outward man or is He looking within, seeking those that know the doctrine of Christ so that they are able to worship and live a life that is Spiritual and based on truth?

2 Corinthians 3:14-16 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. (15) But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. (16) Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. (KJV)

A veil is like blinders, something that only gives a partial glimpse and not full disclosure, kind of like the carnal mind which can only see and operate in a carnal realm. You will not ever get to know God personally or His plan of salvation effectively until you get rid of the blinders and see beyond the realm of the flesh.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. (KJV)

Now we can get rid of the blinding effect that the carnal man had on us and see clearly into the realm of the Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. It is kind of like taking a shower and cleansing ourselves of all the filth of the flesh, and then wiping the fog off the mirror and seeing a new man clearly in front of us.

2 Corinthians 5:16-18 Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. (17) Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (18) And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; (KJV)

A new creature immerges right in front of us when we are in Christ and no longer looking at things from the outward darkened realm. How do you see and judge things; is it just by outward appearances, or is it looking within to see the hidden man of the heart?

2 John 1:7-8 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. (8) Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. (KJV)

There are many who haven’t come to a working knowledge of who they are in Christ, and are still operating in a darkened realm of the flesh. Many of these people also come claiming that they are ministers of God; however, that is not the case.

2 John 1:9-11 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. (10) If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: (11) For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds. (KJV)

You need to be much more watchful and alert as to what you give your stamp of approval on, because those that are highly esteemed and looked up to by man are in reality an abomination in the sight of God. Bottom line Church, if it is not the doctrine based on the glorious gospel of Christ then it is childish, incomplete, and unable to see beyond the realm of the flesh and into the Spirit.