*Tuesday, October 2, 2012*

**Slice of Life**

Matthew 10:18-22 And ye shall be brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them and the Gentiles. (19) But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. (20) For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you. (21) And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death. (22) And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. (KJV)

You will find that as you continue on the path of life not everyone is going to agree with you, or the stance that you take with the Lord. You will find that as you become a receptacle for the blessings of God you also became a target of the enemy as well. Learning how to speak effectively is what will get you home with our Lord, because by our words we are either justified or condemned. Do take note of verse 22, because salvation involves so much more than just answering some emotional alter call; rather it is an endurance race that you not only need to begin in the Spirit with but will need to finish strong in that realm also in order to be saved.

John 12:48-50 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. (49) For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. (50) And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak. (KJV)

Jesus Christ of Nazareth narrowed His speech simply to what He was hearing from the Father through the Holy Spirit. Because of this He is now seated at the right hand of God and would like to speak through you as well. So which spirit are you giving the most heed to this day, that fallen one of the world or the Holy one from above?

Deuteronomy 18:18-20 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. (19) And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. (20) But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. (KJV)

You know, when you regurgitate man’s doctrines and are not open to the doctrine of Christ you put yourself in a precarious position. The Lord is consistent throughout His word on how we should speak and who should be doing the speaking.

John 17:5-8 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. (6) I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. (7) Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. (8) For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. (KJV)

This is an interesting prayer that our Lord conveyed before leaving this earth, and one I pray to make myself some day when departing. Our goal as teachers and preachers in Christ is to point the people to a relationship with the Father through the Son who sent us His Holy Spirit. Pointing them to anything or anyone else is pointless to say the least.