*Friday, March 4, 2011*

**Things Are Looking Up**

Luke 12:29-32 And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. (30) For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. (31) But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you. (32) Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (KJV)

All this week we have concentrated our study on the word ‘things’ and how many times ‘things’ come up in the Bible. In conclusion this week, the goal was to get us to look above and beyond this fallen realm so that we could see all of the things that are taking place in the realm of the Spirit. You will find in your own search that as you make these things above more of a priority, then the things below here will not have such an influence anymore. You will also find that the things above are the only solution that will cast out all fear as well.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. (17) For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; (18) While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. (KJV)

The fact is Church, that if you truly plan on spending eternity with our Lord then you will need to narrow your search more to the things that pertain to His realm. If you get hired to do a job and all you did was spend your time surfing the web for other things, well it wouldn’t be to long before you end up fired. For those that don’t make our Lord a priority in their life, they will find that being fired takes on a whole new eternal meaning as well.

John 20:29-31 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. (30) And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: (31) But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (KJV)

Back in the day before man was born again, their search was limited to the outward in order to see and believe. That all changed when our Lord paid the price and then poured out His Spirit so that we could partake of and believe more in the unseen. Your confidence, boldness, trust and commitment is built up and strengthened by understanding of who you are in Christ and all that is available through His name.

Ephesians 1:17-19 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, (19) And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, (KJV)

My prayer is the same one that Paul prayed for the people as well; that they would see for themselves all that is available in Christ, and how much greater the riches are above as compared to what many settle for below here. As you are able to see, there is quite a source of power there for the taking also.

1 Peter 1:7-9 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: (8) 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. (KJV)

Hey Church, why else would your faith go on trial if you weren’t heading in the right direction? Why else would the enemy try to distract you from looking above to see who you really are in Christ? The answer is quite simple, and spelled out clearly in verse 9, when you receive the end result of your walk by faith and the unending joy that this plan of salvation brought forth. God bless true Church, and continue in your search for those things above and you will not be let down by any cheap thing below here again.