*Friday, February 4, 2011*

**Total Transformation**

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. (15) But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. (16) For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ. (KJV)

We ended yesterday’s study talking about what it takes to be received by our Lord. Today we are seeing how we can receive the things of God, and stay in good standing with Him. You have the mind of Christ; well, when you make His word a priority in your life then you will start seeing and understanding the things of His realm, and won’t be so influenced and in fear of things pertaining to this fallen one any longer. When we are in the flesh and its way of thinking then we cannot please God, because we will consider His thoughts and ways foolish. When one conforms themselves to the things of God then they see who really is foolish.

Galatians 4:19-21 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you, (20) I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you. (21) Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? (KJV)

You know, I see so many of God’s people begin in the Spirit with a zeal and hunger for the things of God, and then lean back to their own understanding by getting caught up again in the works of the law. Instead of being renewed in the Spirit of their mind they fall back into dead works, thinking that they need to get dunked in water in order to be saved.

1 Corinthians 13:9-11 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. (10) 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. (KJV)

When you take the time in the Word and in prayer each and every day, to hear the Lord’s take on who you are in Christ, it is then that the iffy part of the equation is done away, and you can grow up and mature in the things of God. Quit listening to everyone else on what they think, and hear personally for yourself what God knows is best for your walk, and then you will start walking consistently, confidently in the Spirit.

Philippians 1:4-6 Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, (5) For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; (6) Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ: (KJV)

My prayer for each and every believer in Christ is that they will let the Lord bring to completion the good work that He has begun in them, and desires to do unto the end. I pray that you will let Christ have a greater influence on you and in your life so that you can see beyond this limited fallen carnal realm that many settle for. I am tired of watching God’s own people just settling for the things of this life, rather than rising up and taking all that God has provided for His people, all the real treasures of wisdom and knowledge that are only found in Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17 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. (KJV)

You know what? Don’t even look at yourself anymore according to the flesh or outward, rather start looking within and let the Lord show you who you really are. It’s when you are in Christ, on the inside where you belong and not on the outside looking in, is when you will start experiencing a new life with some real results that will be new to you as well. So Church, in conclusion this week, quit settling for what others try to tell you is truth, and don’t let anyone else have more of an influence in your life than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God bless and keep those living waters flowing through you so that it can keep the clay workable.