*Wednesday, July 17, 2013*

**Vanity**

Hebrews 10:36-39 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draws back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (KJV)

Our time here on planet earth is a short audition to see who really desires to spend eternity with God. God set up a perfect plan of salvation, a filtering process that weeds out the pretenders. Remember, heaven has already gone through some turnover when about a third of the angels rebelled. Yet a little while is all our Lord is really asking of you today Church, just hold on a bit more and you can have eternal life. Those that are justified in Christ live by what He is asking of them, and they are not being influenced by all the other religious outward nonsense that we see many falling for. Bottom line, if you can’t do something faithfully, letting the peace of God rule then it is something you should consider no longer pursuing.

I John 2:15-17 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passes away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abides for ever. (KJV)

The love of the world and the things in it is like a plague that is taking down many of God’s people. Those who have begun well in the Spirit, but now think perfection can be achieved by something in the flesh. It is up to you to know the difference between what is of God and His word, and what is a cheap temporal imitation of the world is. If the world is passing away right before our eyes then it goes without saying that those that are still hanging onto it are also passing away.

Matthew 16:24-26 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. 26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (KJV)

If you decide to chase after something of this life you will lose sight of the eternal one, but if you let go of the things of this life then you will be able to grasp hold of those that involve the eternal one. So today do a bit of self examination and really determine for yourself which realm has your attention, the outward or the inward?

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.