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We as servants of Christ and ambassadors of his Kingdom would like to remind you of our ministry here at Church Built of Living Stones. It is a ministry of reconciliation given to us by our Father. Our instruction is not to teach you the things of God in rules and regulations, but to encourage you that the only one who can teach you of the Father is Jesus Christ and he will do this by the power of his word and Spirit. Our teaching ministry towards you is for you to trust that you can be taught of the Lord and that you need no man to mediate between God and yourself except the man Christ Jesus.

This may be daunting to you at the beginning, but it will eventually release you into God's Holy Kingdom from which you will never wish to depart.

The attacks and slanders will be immense and will continue until the last enemy is overcome.

But fear not the Lord will be on your side. (Read Psalm 124).

The Kingdom of God is like leaven or yeast in a lump of dough and it is growing and advancing throughout the earth and will bear fruit to God's glory. We are saying that Christ is building his Kingdom and its inhabitants are as living stones built up to be a holy habitation for God. We will never have a bricks and mortar building. We do not solicit money to spread the good news. At the same time, we encourage giving to the poor in spirit, by this we mean give your whole life to Christ and his Kingdom and you will see the salvation of God in effect. Our endeavour is to see God's people go forth and proclaim Jesus and Christ's Kingdom without the restrictions of denominational power overriding them.

Everyman in the body of Christ Jesus has a purpose and can go forth in the power of God's Spirit with a new tongue and prophecy. The new tongue is the Gospel and the Spirit of Prophecy is the Lord Jesus Christ. They tell the world that God the Father is not holding their sins and lawlessness against them and that he grants them the Holy Spirit to guide and lead them into all truth.

The Holy Spirit leads them to Jesus and Jesus teaches them all things of the Father.

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### **May His Kingdom come**

We cry out in the wilderness of this present evil age amid the hindering religions of this world to the seeker, the broken hearted, the captives, the bound, the sick, the down trodden, the voiceless and those that live in darkness who see a great light – look up for your King comes. His name is Jesus and he brings a Kingdom which encompasses all the glories of the coming age. Seek and you shall find, ask and it will be given you, knock and it will be opened unto you. He will grant those that seek first his Kingdom riches of glory that this world knows nothing about. He comes not for the righteous but the sinner and he will receive you with open arms and give you a vision of hope that has its origins from the heart of God. Obey his calling - come into the light, don't hover on the edge of the light, come into the light, all your prayers will be answered in the light.

### **Fear not, do not be afraid**

In the world you will have trouble and tribulation from which none of us who belong to Jesus are exempt, as it is the arena of redemption for the faithful. Jesus' own words reverberate and echo in our minds *"I have told you these things so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world"*. And in (1 John 4: 4) *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

We have warned for many months that men are going to be tried and to be found wanting because their trust is in the arm of the flesh which cannot save. It is abominable to see so called men of God fawning over leaders in the political sphere. It is paramount that prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all Godliness and Holiness. We must pray for these men, but not put our trust in them. There will be earthquakes, famines and pestilence in various places and fearful events and great signs from heaven and men's hearts will fail them through fear of the events coming

on the earth. The only true peace comes from Christ who is our life, who is abiding in our hearts. Get ready for greater upheavals in the financial realm, where gold and silver will not be able to save as it corrodes. The corrosion will eat your flesh like fire. These are not my words they are the words of the apostle James (5: 3).

The warning to us all is not what do we trust in – but whom do we trust. *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.*

Every man's work will be tried by fire and it will not be the evil one's purpose (though he may be an instrument). It will be Jesus' coming as the John the Baptist has prophesied in (Luke 3: 16-18).

*16 John answered them all, "I baptise you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." 18 And with many other words John exhorted the people and preached the good news to them.*

You may think these words troubling, but in essence they are the truth, and the truth is good news and will set you free.

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Dear Friends,

Hallelujah! What a great time to be in God's care and in his kingdom. What a time, an opportunity to be a witness for the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and to proclaim the kingdom of God. It is the time that the Holy Spirit sheds the love of God into our hearts to show God's love to a broken world. Though many are perplexed and troubled by the events caused by the corona virus not many are able to comprehend the hand of almighty God in the midst of it all.

This generation is receiving a "wake up" call both to the believer and the unbeliever. As the scripture says: *"Awake to righteousness and sin not and Christ will give you light"*. The believer is to look up for their redemption draws near. We are called to be witnesses of the true light and we cannot hide our light under a bushel or cover it over with excuses that deny the Sovereign Lord and his power.

The great "I Am" - God the one Lord says - I will speak, I will judge, I will forgive, I will restore, I will redeem. Now is the time to be taught by the Lord and let him lead us through the valley of the shadow of death where we will fear no evil.

An example for us is John the Baptist, the greatest prophet born of a woman who was humble enough to declare he was not the light, but was a witness to the true light. None of us are able to claim we originate the light, but all of us can make a claim to be a witness to the true light. To be a true witness to the light of Jesus makes a demand on us that overtakes all other demands. Only by laying down our life for Jesus' sake can we find the true life that is pure and without hypocrisy.

John the Baptist was raised up by God to humbly proclaim that he was not the true light but came as a witness to the light. He was a voice crying in the wilderness and we may sometimes feel like we are a voice crying in the wilderness.

The question must be asked who enabled John the Baptist to proclaim his message? The answer lies in the following scripture.

(John 1: 33) *"I would not have known him, except the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.'*

John the Baptist was taught and instructed for his mission by God.

Also, when Peter declared that “Jesus was the Christ”, he was told by the Lord this had been revealed to him by his Father in heaven.

(Matthew 16: 16-17) ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.

Jesus himself said he did not speak of his own accord but what the Father commanded.

(John 12: 42-50) ⁴² Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved human praise more than praise from God. ⁴⁴ Then Jesus cried out, “Whoever believes in me does not believe in me only, but in the one who sent me. ⁴⁵ The one who looks at me is seeing the one who sent me. ⁴⁶ I have come into the world as a light, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness. ⁴⁷ “If anyone hears my words but does not keep them, I do not judge that person. For I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. ⁴⁸ There is a judge for the one who rejects me and does not accept my words; the very words I have spoken will condemn them at the last day. ⁴⁹ For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. ⁵⁰ I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

The truth is we must be taught of the Lord. Now is the time to seek the Lord while he may be found and to be listening to him. There is nothing that we know about the Lord that has entered our understanding which was not taught by the Holy Spirit. Even though it may seem that it came through a man, it was the Holy Spirit who instructed you. This day can you honestly as a witness to the truth say “the Lord is your teacher” or do you put your trust in the arm of the flesh? Do you hear the voice of Jesus as your true shepherd or do you follow the stranger?

Jesus is the true light that came into the world to proclaim the greatness and goodness of almighty God our Father. He is the Truth. Through God’s grace and mercy, we can know we are forgiven of all our sins and transgressions when we by faith believe in Jesus. God then transfers us from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of the Son of his love. The kingdom of the Son of his love is the kingdom of Christ. Jesus is the door of this kingdom, Jesus is the Great Shepherd of this sheepfold and he is the Shepherd of our souls and HE will lead us through the darkness into the light of life. Paul instructs us not to live as the Gentiles live but to live a life worthy of the Lord, a life that gives honour and glory to God. We by faith live as sojourners in this present world, and live through the power of the Holy Spirit in a kingdom which we cannot see. We receive our directions from a king whom we cannot see, but whom we love, witnessing of an invisible heavenly Father whose word alone has the power to transform broken hearts, broken lives and a broken world.

The doors of this kingdom are never closed, and the door to this kingdom is straight and the path in this kingdom that leads to life is a narrow path and few there be that find it. This kingdom is not a church, a denomination or an institution. This kingdom is a reality and the king of this kingdom is a person. Jesus Christ the Lord is the king of this kingdom and he is alive. We live for him, we trust in him, we pray to him, we live through him.

Prayer is a dialogue with him not a monologue. What does this mean? It means it is a “two-way” street.

(Jeremiah 33: 2-3) ² “This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it – the Lord is his name. ³ ‘Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.’

This is what is meant by prayer being a dialogue. Call unto me and I will answer you. You pray and he will reply.

Ask and it will be given you.
Seek and you shall find.
Knock and it will be opened.

Many people say, “I pray and God doesn’t answer me”. Others can only remember prayers being answered in times of crisis. Others ask amiss wanting to consume it on their lusts.

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus' answer was for them to hallow God's name by calling him their Father. The second thing he told them was to ask for God's kingdom. People today are not asking for God's kingdom they are asking for their own kingdoms to be established and their own priorities to be met.

Jesus, John the Baptist and the apostles, Peter, Paul and John all had one purpose and motivation that God's word and purposes would be accomplished even if it meant going to their own death. Their purpose was not to change this world but to change our heart. Their purpose was that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Their purpose was to preach the Gospel of Christ and redemption of fallen man and the power of the Word and the Holy Spirit would draw men into God's heavenly kingdom. God's will is done on earth when Jesus is lifted up and exalted and men come under his Lordship.

(Matthew 24: 14) And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The scripture declares all are under God's wrath, both Jew and Gentile and the Gospel of grace revealed through Jesus Christ allows Gentile sinners and all those outside the covenants of Israel to enter God's kingdom through the new birth. In the new creation, through the new birth, all become God's covenant people. Those born of the Spirit of God make up the "ecclesia" or the "called out ones". This word ecclesia translated as "church" in the bible is not a building. This congregation or assembly of people are those that are called out of darkness into the light of life and they gather together unto him. These people are those that are referred to as "living stones" who by the grace and mercy of God are built up together to be a holy habitation for the Lord. They are all who have died in Christ and have been raised and made alive in Christ now to serve in Christ's Kingdom. These souls are likened to the wind and cannot be shackled.

(John 3: 7-8) ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying. 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

For freedom Christ set us free.

(2 Corinthians 3: 17) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

All those led by the Spirit are sons of God.

The Lord is the Spirit. Our walk is to love mercy and to do justly and to walk humbly before God, this is how we walk in the Spirit of the Lord. We are to walk in the light as he is in the light. To walk as Jesus walked is the calling to be a witness of the Gospel and his kingdom. The true believer walks humbly and meekly in this world, refusing temptation, denying the flesh and trusting in God's power to deliver and save. By faith subduing all attacks initiated by the enemies of God, with the sword of the spirit, the Word of God. When we fail and fall short, we confess our sins and Jesus the high priest of our confession presents his own blood as an atonement for our transgressions and allows us access by the Holy Spirit into the throne of grace to find help in a time of need. He knows our weakness in the flesh but grants us access into God's grace of a free pardon. By faith we now walk without condemnation by the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus. The flesh is weak, but the Spirit is strong. Jesus knows the weakness of the flesh because he walked in the flesh and was tempted in all points, but not once did he bow to its demands. He always lived in obedience to his father's command and endured the shame and ignominy of death upon the cross. Any who deny Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh is a liar and the truth is not in them.

To think that Jesus did not endure every temptation of the flesh is to deny his humanity. He came in weakness but was raised in power by the Spirit of God. The shame and humility which he endured in his earthly trial was how he learned obedience to his Father. He laid down his own will in obedience to his Father's will when he paid the penalty for our sin. The declaration of our justification and freedom was declared when the Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead. In his resurrection we are also justified from the penalty of death and granted eternal life when we wholly trust in Jesus. The resurrection is a person, the life is a person, Jesus is that person. Jesus is the only door to this wonderful life in God's kingdom and we receive the down payment or assurance with all its benefits through the Holy Spirit. No man but Christ Jesus can mediate the truths of this kingdom. All others are thieves and robbers and all promises that come from the kingdom of darkness will be promises you can see with

your natural eye. The promises of God are seen by faith and not by sight. The evidence of faith and hope are always in the unseen realm which grants you strong assurance in your heart and mind of the glory of Jesus.

Remember what Jesus said to Thomas the disciple.

(John 21: 28-29) ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Under the old covenant everything was in the seen realm of outward acts and rituals. But under the new covenant, it is inward love and faith for Jesus and acts and deeds that proceed from the heart, which are wrought by the Holy Spirit.

Let us look at a scripture in John. This passage is speaking of Jesus.

(John 1: 10-14) ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet, to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become the children of God, ¹³ children not born of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

He came unto his own and was rejected, but to all who received him, and believed in him, he gave the right to become a child of God.

Take note that we have to receive Jesus and believe on Jesus and then an amazing and miraculous event takes place. Even though we don't see change, we know we have changed. God in his abundant mercy and grace plants a seed within our hearts and we are born of God. This seed is Christ. We then must nurture and nourish this seed. This re-birth gives no credit to our race or creed, our bearing or status or on whether we are male or female, or our standing in being rich or poor. This birth does not come by our natural descent or come by our human decision, as it is a decision made by God himself. This new birth is not a natural birth like when you decide to have a human child but is a spiritual conception which is decided by God.

(1 Peter 1: 23) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living enduring word of God.

This Word is so enduring that heaven and earth will pass away but this Word will never pass away.

The question is, will this word that brought the light of life into your heart, be obeyed and acted upon to bring the reality of Christ's life continually?

Will you trust God the Father to fulfil every promise he has made to you? Do you trust his word that belief in Christ Jesus and him alone is the power to become a child of God?

Every one of us that claim Christ Jesus as our Saviour and Redeemer, must put our trust in him and him alone and live for him. If we have love for the world and the things of the world the love of the Father is not in us.

Let us look at scriptures in the gospel of Mark which explains who are God's children or God's family.

(Mark 3: 20-35) ²⁰ Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹ When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." ²² And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons, he is driving out demons." ²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰ He said this because they were saying, "He has an

impure spirit.”³¹ Then Jesus’ mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.
³² A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, “Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you.”
³³ “Who are my mother and my brothers?” he asked. ³⁴ Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!”³⁵ Whoever does God’s will, is my brother and sister and mother.”

Look what Jesus’ family said about him, they said he is crazy (vs. 21).

Look at what the preachers said! (vs 22) He is possessed of the devil and by the prince of demons he is driving out demons. These so called religious teachers were claiming our Lord was casting out demons by the prince of demons. Jesus then spoke to them in parables. A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.

Jesus came into this world to destroy the devil’s work (which is the kingdom of darkness) and to bring the kingdom of God, which is the light of life into the hearts of men. Jesus brought the kingdom of God to this earth and it is a kingdom unlike anything that human kind had ever known before. The kingdom of Christ is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The kingdom of darkness is a trinity of the world, the flesh and the devil.

Let us look at scriptures in Luke and Matthew where Jesus declares the kingdom of God has come among us.

(Luke 11: 20) *But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.*

(Matthew 12: 28) *But if I drive out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

Jesus Christ came into this sin darkened world to destroy the works of the devil and bring the kingdom of God to sinners. He entered the strong man’s house and bound the strong man and took captivity captive and gave men as gifts to proclaim the gospel of salvation and the kingdom of God. All men were to put their trust in Jesus as the Lord of their life and grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

This kingdom of Christ is not a pretend Kingdom it is a kingdom of reality that cannot be seen by the human eye, but is known and experienced through faith and where it is advanced demons flee. This kingdom was given to Christ’s disciples.

(Luke 12: 31-32)³¹ *Seek his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.* ³² *Do not be afraid little flock for your Father had been pleased to give you the kingdom.*

(Luke 10: 16-24)¹⁶ *Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me.”*¹⁷ *The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”*¹⁸ *He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.* ¹⁹ *I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.*²⁰ *However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*²¹ *At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.* ²² *All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”*²³ *Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.”*²⁴ *For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.”*

The seventy-two disciples came back rejoicing because the demons were subject to them. Jesus told them do not rejoice because the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in the heavens. It is notable at this point that Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, because God was sharing his power and kingdom to his disciples. True disciples of Jesus have authority over the enemy and his works. The fruit of God’s kingdom is peace, joy and unity in the Holy Spirit. The works of Satan’s kingdom are strife, division and sectarianism.

(Romans 14: 17-18) ¹⁷ For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, ¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved of men.

(John 18: 36) Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place.

This kingdom comes not by observation.

(Luke 17: 20) Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

This word (observation) is a one off Greek word that is used nowhere else in the Bible. It literally means this kingdom does not show up by your scrutiny or your scrupulous observation of rules. It means that the kingdom is a gift from the "divine one and only God" and is ruled over by one King.

The early disciples or disciplined ones knew this and abided under this teaching of the Almighty when they declared in (Ephesians 4: 4-6).

There is -	one Lord
one body	one faith
one Spirit	one baptism
Just as you were called to	one God and Father of all
one hope when you were called	who is over all and through all and in all

In (1 Timothy 2: 5-6) it states.

⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all men – the testimony given at its proper time.

This testimony was a message of wisdom given from Heaven and not the wisdom of this age. It was the wisdom that had been hidden but now was revealed. This revelation is - Jesus is our wisdom.

(1 Corinthians 2: 6-10) ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory, ⁹ However, it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him", ¹⁰ but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

None of the rulers of this age understood. It is only those that God reveals it to that can understand the kingdom of God is the down payment or assurance that Jesus Christ is Lord overall and brought the kingdom of the coming age into the hearts of men. He is the ruler or King over this present age and the future age to come.

(1 Peter 1: 10-12) ¹⁰ Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹ trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. ¹² It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

We are not redeemed by silver and gold but by the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him so your faith and your hope are in God.

For too long Satan has ruled over the minds of men and deceived them into thinking that the edifices they build are the work of God. The work of God is to believe in the one he has sent, not to build earthly empires. Every earthly religious empire is upheld by the idol of mammon. The Roman Catholic church is ruled by unscriptural

Cardinals with their own bank at the Vatican which is full of corruption, murder and deceit. The Anglican church was rebuked by John Owen for investing in breweries on the stock exchange, whilst preaching temperance and against the ravages of alcohol. The Presbyterian church in Australia has massive investments in stock and land and it appears before worldly courts and judges to settle their disputes amongst themselves over money. None of these institutions are free from peddling the Word of God for profit. They have abused little children and covered it up to protect the reputation and profits of their institution and even now after the Australian Royal Commission, they have coerced in a scheme to limit the compensation to the victims. If they were of God, they would free willingly give up everything to see one child enter the kingdom of God and not hinder them coming to Jesus as their Lord. There are other abuses that they maintain that run deeper within these institutions, these will be exposed in the future because judgement must first begin at the house of God.

For too long men have built denominations, creeds and doctrines that have created division and false kingdoms that hinder the growth of believers. They think that their institutions are the way of salvation. Jesus was right when he said “do as they say, but don’t do as they do” and he preached “woe unto them”. These institutions have a millstone around their neck and will be cast into the sea of forgetfulness. (Matthew 18: 6) *But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea of forgetfulness.* Read Revelation 18: 21-24.

The Lord says. Come out from among them, trust and believe that God has instituted a new covenant in the blood of Christ and bear his reproach outside the camp. He will grant you to know his will. He will sustain you. He will be your high priest and advocate on your behalf before the Father. He will teach you his way. He will mediate God’s blessing and guide you into all truth. He will draw you into fellowship with Christ and open up his kingdom to you. He will fill you with his Holy Spirit to strengthen you and conform you to be like Jesus. All this will be done while we live in this body of flesh. The sin nature will not have dominion over us and we will enjoy the fruit of Christ’s labour.

We must be born of water and the Spirit and this seed planted in our heart will grow. Listen carefully to this word from Jesus in the gospel of John.

(John 3: 3) In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.”

Unless you are born again you cannot see the kingdom of God. Remember that the kingdom does not come by observing rules and regulations and works of men. The kingdom of Christ comes when we are born again and Jesus Christ is Lord over our lives. Jesus continued to say in:

(John 3: 5-8) ⁵ Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying. ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.

“I tell you the truth”. (This is Jesus saying “I tell you the truth”). Many people say “I believe in Jesus” but deny that you have to be born again. They proclaim their church doctrine but deny the power of God. We recently withdrew from a denomination where most of the gatherers were only born of the flesh and had no concept of God’s kingdom. Anger, cover-ups and sectarianism limited the working of the Holy Spirit. Light cannot fellowship with darkness and they that are of the world, speak of the world. To maintain the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and abide in Christ, we must remain in love, prayer and forgiveness to all. To walk in fellowship with Christ in his Kingdom you will encounter demonic activity both religious and secular.

It is God’s will that we be born into God’s family. If you are born into God’s family, it will not be through your parentage or any human desire, it will be by God’s sovereign grace. Your natural descent of being born a Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican, Baptist, Methodist, Muslim, Hindu, Jew, does not qualify you to enter God’s kingdom.

If you are unsure about this let the scripture instruct the will of God.

(2 Corinthians 13: 5-6) ⁵ *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test?* ⁶ *And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.*

Only those born again of the Spirit and the word can faithfully do God's will and obey the leadings of the Spirit. It is God's will that the "ecclesia" or called out ones proclaim the Kingdom of Christ. It is God's will that you live in a realm where Jesus is Lord and that he reigns in your heart whilst you still live in a fleshly body.

This is not some strange doctrine or teaching.

This is what the Lord revealed to the Apostle Paul in (Galatians 1: 11-12 and vs. 15-16)

¹¹ *I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. ¹² I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.*

¹⁵ *But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man,*

God revealed to Paul that Jesus the son of God was in him.

Is what happened to Paul relevant to us and does it need to be our testimony as well? Yes.

(Colossians 1: 25-28) ²⁵ *I have become its servant (the body of Christ) by the commission God gave me to present to you the Word of God in its fullness. ²⁶ The mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Saints. ²⁷ To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery which is Christ in you the hope of glory. ²⁸ We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.*

(Galatians 4: 19) *My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*

(2 Corinthians 4: 10-14) ¹⁰ *We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken." With that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence.*

Yes, we can proclaim the greater one abides in our hearts, therefore, we speak of his death and the glory of his resurrection and that the living Christ is alive in this vessel of clay. Jesus alive in us is the truth that Christ is alive and that his kingdom is above all.

(Romans 8: 9-11) ⁹ *You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who lives in you.*

This promise in (Hebrews 13: 5)

"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you".

This is a promise that Jesus is always with us and that the excellency of the power is of God and not of us least any man should boast. Men boast about their achievements, others boast how they serve the Lord, others boast of their knowledge of the scriptures, they glory in numbers of followers, but all this boasting is vanity. If all we have received came from the Lord, how can we boast? Our boast must be in the Lord and his accomplishments.

God accomplished a new covenant in Christ that frees all men from the ravages of sin and he comes and lives in our hearts by God the Holy Spirit. To deny his presence in our hearts is to blame God for breaking his own new covenant and saying he has left me and does not hear me. This grieves the Holy Spirit, who then groans within our hearts with groaning's that cannot be uttered and makes intercession for us according to the will of God.

We then realise the goodness of God leads us to repentance that leads us to Godly sorrow, because we have grieved the Spirit of grace by our unbelief. This repentance is a repentance not to be repented of. When men do not repent of dead works, they will be sent a strong delusion and will believe a lie that God's kingdom can be seen. They will live by sight and not by faith, they will believe that this seen world is their home. They will build their own kingdoms and lord it over the flock that belongs to God. They will become partial and judges with evil thoughts. What they see with their natural eyes will become more real than what God's word says. They will store up treasures on earth and protect them with methods that abrogate the kingdom of Christ. Their love of the world and its glories will become their goal. They will seek their approval from men and will become men pleasers and to do this is to cease to be a servant of Christ and his kingdom.

(Galatians 1: 10) Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ.

The only way to please God and men is by serving Christ and him alone. All divisions and schisms are created to protect someone's carnal work or creed and will not stand in the light of the Lord of Glory.

The scripture warns if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness?

(Matthew 6: 23) But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness.

The goal of faith is love out of a pure heart, which is having the likeness of heart that was in Jesus when he was in his greatest agony. Out of his pure heart Jesus submitted to his Father's will and bore the penalty for all our injustices and sins against a loving, compassionate Creator, (our heavenly Father) and at the same time out of the same heart could cry to his Father, forgive them they know not what they do. Being like Christ and submitting to God's will under all persecutions yet remaining loving and forgiving to all; even our enemies, is evidence of a clean heart. This is the heart, a heart full of God's goodness and grace that becomes a kingdom, over which Jesus reigns. We must maintain a clean heart and keep it pure. This is the reason Jesus said *"I go to prepare a place for you"* and would send another Comforter. He knew we needed a helper to bring us into the place he had prepared for us.

The place where he was, was the place where we could be too. This place though ethereal is the true reality for everyman – this place is with the Father and no man can come to it by works or effort, they must be drawn into it by their love for Christ and his everlasting Father.

This is God's kingdom and if you could take all the kingdoms of this world in a moment of time and join them together, both past, present and future, they would all become darkened, lifeless and purposeless in the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Have you glimpsed this kingdom?

Have you seen the light of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ?

Do you desire this present world or the glory of the world to come?

Do you prefer the praise that comes from the only God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ or the praise of men?

Do you seek the riches of glory which is Christ in you, or the riches of this world?

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Are you born again from above?

Do you seek Christ's kingdom and his Lordship over and above what you can see with your natural eyes?

Do you live by faith and not by sight? Or have you let Satan snatch the word from your heart?

Have you received the word with joy and declared "it is true", but later let persecution, unbelief and trouble rob you of the seed (Christ) taking root in your life?

Have you let the worries of this life, the trust of uncertain riches and the desire for other things – fame, relationships, prestige or power (both spiritual and secular) choke the word and let it become unfruitful in conforming you to the image of Jesus Christ.

Do you operate in dead works as a hypocrite or a play actor with a mask on? You may say you love Christ, but hide things in your heart against him and others. Do you gossip and let your mouth accuse those made in God's image?

Is it your desire to be important and have power? yet refuse to give all power and glory to Jesus and his Father. All these things are the beginning of sorrows and will have a calamitous end. No flesh will glory in his presence, nor any religious activity birthed by the flesh.

The question can be asked – is it important to know of the kingdom of God? Yes.

(1 Thes. 2: 12).....*encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his Kingdom and Glory.*

In closing this letter, I would remind you the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and those that serve Christ in this manner are pleasing to God and approved by men.

We are to seek his kingdom first.

(Matthew 6: 33) *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

(1 Chronicles 29:11) *Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendour, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.*

Come as a child and never hinder anyone from entering Christ's kingdom.

(Matthew 19:14) *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.*

(Luke 12:32) *"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.*

(Matthew 5: 10) *Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.*

(Matthew 16:19) *I will give you the keys to the kingdom of Heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

In the above scripture Jesus is explicitly speaking of forgiving one another, not some other reason. Jesus tells us:

(Matthew 6: 14-15) ¹⁴ *If you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive you your sins.* Jesus said this immediately after his instruction on how to pray to our Father in heaven.

WHO PREACHED THE KINGDOM OF GOD?

Jesus (Mark 1: 14-15)

¹⁴ *After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.*

John the Baptist (Math 3: 2)

And saying, "repent for the kingdom of Heaven is near".

Jesus (Luke 4: 43)

But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent."

Jesus (Luke 17: 21b)

Because the Kingdom of God is within you.

Apostles (Matthew 24: 14)

And this Gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

The Apostle Paul (Acts 28: 30-31)

³⁰ *For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.*

³¹ *Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.*

John the Revelator (Revelation 1:6)

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his Son and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

We not only enter God's kingdom, we become his kingdom, his prized possession.

This is the most important of all the scriptures.

Jesus after the Resurrection (Acts 1: 3)

After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Jesus came to Israel and brought the Kingdom of God, but Israel refused to accept it nor to acknowledge him as King and they crucified him. Not only did Jesus bring the kingdom in his earthly ministry and demonstrate its power, but in the forty days after his resurrection and before the ascension he spoke (a) of the kingdom of God. (a) (Lego grk. systematic or set discourse).

After the ascension, the Apostles taught the Jews that Jesus, whom they crucified, was the Messiah and in his NAME they demonstrated the power of his kingdom, by casting out demons and healing the sick. Paul was sent to the Gentiles with the same message and demonstrated the same power and that the kingdom was now opened up to them. Truly now the kingdom was amongst men. John the Revelator says true believers whether Jew or Gentile are made that kingdom (Rev. 1:6). If there is a King, there is a kingdom for men to be established in and it is the ecclesia (the called out ones) who make up this kingdom, not those that are members of a church, denomination or institution. Men by their unbelief and traditions have made the Word of God of no effect. They have transferred the power to the church where they make the rules instead of abiding in Christ's kingdom where Jesus is the supreme ruler. We must count the preaching of the gospel and the kingdom of God of utmost importance, any deviation from this leads to error. The Greek word ecclesia has been given the man-made translation of "church" in the scriptures. It was Augustine that claimed that the "church" and the Kingdom of God were synonymous, this was to give the Pope absolute power. The ecclesia or (the called out ones) referred to in the scriptures are called into the kingdom of his beloved Son, where there is only one Lord, one Father, one Spirit and one body.

True believers are not literalists or millennialists, but they are new creations in Christ born of God's Word and Spirit. They are repentant sinners with no credentials but the living Word Jesus in their heart. They have been crucified with Christ and crucified to the world and the world is crucified to them. If Christ be in you, you will appear with him in Glory. (Colossians 3: 2-4) *Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, appears, then you will also appear with him in Glory.* We have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us.

Jesus' Word abides in them and they abide in his Word and do not follow the traditions of men and their rules and regulations, but live in this Word by the power of the Holy Spirit. God be praised for evermore. Those that are

led of the Spirit are sons of God. There are thousands, maybe millions throughout the world today, in this generation, who live in the Way. It's a pleasurable joy to meet and fellowship with them, for their fellowship is with the Father and the Son. They have been taught to give all glory, honour and power to the Almighty Sovereign God and put no trust in the flesh. Their prayer is "let God arise and his enemies be scattered" and "His kingdom come". To say "His kingdom come" is the same as saying "come quickly Lord Jesus, come quickly". We like them, pray that Christ and his Kingdom become your present moment, not a time afar off. Jesus has taught us to guard our heart with all diligence and obey the truth and sell it not. (2 Corinthians 2: 14-17) ¹⁴*and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.* ¹⁵ *For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing.* ¹⁶ *To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?* ¹⁷ *Unlike so many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.*

We know we are not worthy to preach this message, but by the grace of God we are compelled to do so. We plead with all believers to make Jesus Christ Lord and enter his Kingdom. Amen.

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All Glory to God, Amen.

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