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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.

Dear Friends,

It is of great value when we find in the field, the pearl of great price. Have you discovered that this pearl of great price is Jesus Christ? Do you love him with all your heart, soul and mind? Have you given up everything to buy this field which contains this pearl of great price? It is the grace of God that opens our eyes and hearts to see this pearl of great price while we are wandering in the dark field. It is the mercy of God that we can buy the truth and not sell it. (Proverbs 23: 23) *"Buy the truth and do not sell it, get wisdom, discipline and understanding"*.

This field is the world and we can know the blessing of living in the light of life even though we are surrounded by the darkness of this present age. Grace and truth came from the Father of lights to reveal the truth was in this pearl of great price – Jesus.

(John 1: 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"*.

My question to you is have you accepted by faith the reality of the truth, that only in Jesus can we find grace and truth. (John 1: 17-18) *"For the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known"*.

What are we saved by? We are saved by the grace of God. This grace of God is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. Is your salvation based on something else besides God's grace to fallen sinners?

Do you try to add something else to your salvation?

Do you try to add the law?

Do you try to add your works?

Do you try to add something else to Jesus, the pearl of great price for your salvation?

Is it not enough that the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and reveals to us what no other person has ever been able to do. What did Jesus reveal to mankind that no other person that walked in the darkness could or is able to do?

Jesus the One and Only revealed the Father and made him known. Yes, Jesus is the Word of grace and Truth made flesh and nothing can be added or subtracted to the Living Word. This word is so great that the scripture likens it to a pearl of great price. A pearl is formed by layer of layer of Nacre until it has a beauty beyond compare.

The Bible declares that we are to be good stewards of the manifold grace of God (1 Peter 4: 10) *Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.* This grace of salvation is an ongoing grace that shows us we are saved, being saved and that there is a salvation yet to be revealed. The moment we think or act that the truth comes from our own mind and not from the mind of Christ is the moment we fall from grace.

From beginning to end the truth is in Jesus, not the doctrines of men. Jesus said unto them of his doctrine in (Mark 12: 38-40).

"Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the market places and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets. They devour widows houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely."

You only need to open your own eyes to see that what happened 2000 years ago is happening today. Unfortunately, the sheep are blinded to this reality just as they were in Jesus' day. Jesus counteracted this problem by declaring in (John 7: 16-18).

"My doctrine is not my own. It comes from him who sent me. If anyone chooses to do God's will, ne will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own. He who speaks on his own does so to gain honour for himself. But he who works for the honour of the one who sent him is a man of truth, there is nothing false about him".

Another scripture with the same intent was spoken by John the Baptist in (John 3: 31-36).

"The one who comes from above is above all, the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from Heaven is above all. He testifies to what he has seen and heard, but no one accepts his testimony. The man who accepted it has testified that God is truthful. For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the spirit without limit. The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains upon him."

The works of man and his efforts in the flesh do not please God. Jesus clearly spells out what the works of God are. The crowds asked Jesus in (John 6: 28-29).

"What must we do to do the works God requires? Jesus answered, "The work of God is this, to believe in the one he has sent."

Many today trust in works of their own imagination and form a God of their own carnal mind. They think that if they obey the dictates of their denomination they will be saved. The scripture clearly states the Head keep the body alive. The body has no power to save itself. The true Head of the body is Jesus and if he is decapitated from the body, the body dies. All over the world the Head of the body is being replaced by imposters of Christ. Unless Jesus is restored as the true Head of the body – death will reign through sin. (Romans 14: 23)*and everything that does not come from faith is sin.*

The grace of God that brings salvation to all men is only accessed by faith which is a gift from God. To add anything to this faith is to bring God's grace and truth into a vain show of contempt for God's kindness and

goodness. Do you want to add the law to your salvation? The law never saved anyone. The law, the great institution and ordination of God, only brought condemnation and more death and did not bring Life.

This should show us the power of sin, that it could turn the institution of God into something that slayed us. If sin could corrupt the law of God, then every institution can be corrupted. What man builds will fall, what God builds is eternal. The only Kingdom that will never be corrupted is the Kingdom of Christ, or the Kingdom of God also known as the Kingdom of Heaven.

We as true believers can walk with Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit in this sin darkened world. We can have the pearl of great price living in this body of flesh who by the grace of God through faith will subdue every temptation of the flesh. Sin shall not have dominion over us. Jesus is the light of life and to abide in him and him abide in us is true Life.

What are the hindrances to the overcoming life?

The first and foremost hindrance is when we put another mediator between us and God. Jesus is the only one who can teach us about God. How can this be? Surely some man can teach me about God? No they cannot! Jesus is the only one who has seen God. Jesus is the only one that can reveal the father to you. Jesus is the only one that can guide and lead you to the Father. If any man takes this claim to themselves, they are imposters and anti-Christ.

What then can an Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Teacher or Evangelist do for you? The Apostle Paul tells us in (Ephesians 4: 12-13) *To prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.* They are gifts given to tell the people to trust Christ and him alone and not to fall for man's teaching and deceitful scheming. But to grow up into the head. Again Paul writes in (Galatians 4: 19) *My dear children for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*

We must cast off everything that hinders us from fulfilling the prophecy of Jeremiah and as reiterated in the book of Hebrews. A covenant would be made that was not written on tablets of stone but on the fleshly tablets of the heart and that no longer would a man teach his neighbour or a man his brother, saying know the Lord; because all will know him from the least to the greatest. Those that are taught of the Lord will know his will and sin will not have dominion over them. Their love for Jesus will overcome the desire of the flesh, they will worship in Spirit and in truth, they will hear and obey Jesus' voice and a stranger they will not follow. The stranger to the truth will say Christ is over here or over there, but the true believer will know that Christ is in their heart and he abides there by faith. How do they know this? Because they are born again from above and that Jesus is teaching them to walk in humility and meekness with a gentle spirit. They know their life is hidden with Christ in God. They trust not in their own understanding, but in all their ways acknowledge him and he directs their path.

The true ministry of the true believer is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom and proclaim that only the truth can be found in Jesus. That all men can be reconciled to God because God was in Christ reconciling us back to himself. That it is by grace we are saved through faith and it is a free gift to make us free from the tyranny of works and trying to achieve salvation through our own efforts. Let Jesus open your heart, begin to understand that it is God's goodness that leads us to repentance, which is a repentance not to be repented of. Let go and let God complete the good work that he began in our hearts, cling to the head which is Christ and let him bring you Life, light, righteousness, joy and peace. Serve Christ in this manner and bring pleasure to your heavenly Father. Leave the dictates of religion far behind you and walk in the light of Christ and be taught of the Lord. We are called to follow Jesus into the regeneration. We must accept our Gethsemane as being the Lord's will. This is the place of preparation to face our being crucified with Christ, where the world is crucified to us and we are crucified to the world. Only Jesus the crucified one can teach us this lesson. No man living on this earth today can teach us the truth which leads to the Father. The One and Only who has gone before can show the way. Refusing to take the path of the righteous one and suffer, only means you were mistreated in this world and has no value. Only when a true crucifixion comes by the hand of Jesus, do we gain the knowledge of the Lord.

God selected you to be his disciple and he and he alone can show you the Kingdom he has prepared for you. It is a Kingdom that is not of this world, it is a Kingdom that is just not one of talk, but, a Kingdom of power that is able

to overcome every known kingdom – it is a Kingdom that has only one Lord – it is a Kingdom that flesh and blood cannot inherit – it is a Kingdom that comes not by observation. The only one that can teach this Kingdom, that can show you this Kingdom is Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and they that serve Christ in this manner are pleasing unto God.

Let us leave off here by instructing all who would listen. No man can teach you about God except Jesus who sent the Holy Spirit to remind his disciples what he had taught them. The Spirit of God will show you the truth is in Jesus. So be filled with the Spirit and live for Jesus, love the brotherhood, pray without ceasing and look unto Jesus the author and finisher of your faith.

Remember the words of Jesus in (Matthew 11: 25-30).

At that time Jesus 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 this was for your good pleasure. All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light".

Jesus the living word knows the way back to the Father, he not only guides, leads and teaches us, he demonstrates the attitude in which we must return. The nature of Christ within us is the only way to walk through the straight gate and down the path of life. The Way is the Way of the cross – the Way is by crucifixion. Nothing we encounter can separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus. Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword. This quote comes from the great chapter of Romans 8. Many in this day and age make their claims by stating "it is written", but not many have I heard cite this scripture in (Romans 8: 36).

"It is written"

*For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep for the slaughter.*

Those that desire to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness must face the ingloriousness of the cross and make themselves of no reputation and are not considered worthy to have any righteousness of their own. Their righteousness is in Christ and in Christ alone and they humble themselves under God's mighty hand and declare that God is always right. And they preach Jesus Christ and him crucified. They don't come with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the power of God, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom but on God's power. They do this in the wisdom of humility.

So dear friend, throw off your robes of self-righteousness as if they were filthy rags and be clothed with Christ proclaiming him as being the only way, the only truth and him being the only life.

It's a gracious thing to be known by God and to have your name written in the Lamb's book of life. It would be the most fearful and horrendous thing to hear *"Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?" Then the Lord will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'* (Matthew 7: 22).

It is a false belief to make a god of your own imagination and not have the nature of Christ formed in you. Religions of men cannot reveal to you the immortal, invisible, true and wise God, who is the blessed potentate, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Only Jesus Christ can reveal the Father to you. Christ alone is the only one who has been given the power to grant you eternal life and raise you up out from among the dead. Let us not be found wanting on that great and fearful day without a wedding garment.

Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God.

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