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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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June 2021 Message

True History is His Story

Romans 14: 7-12

⁷ None of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. ⁸ If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰

You then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgement seat. ¹¹ It is written:

" 'As surely as I live', says the Lord,

'Every knee will bow before me;

Every tongue will confess to God'.

¹² So the, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Instead, make up your mind not to put a stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way.

Dear Friends,

Our beloved brother Paul is encouraging us in the scriptures not to use our knowledge to put an obstacle over what another person regards as important to them by faith. In Paul's instruction he is using food and drink and holy days as the context, but this can apply to any area of life. While the earth remains there is a seed time plant and harvest and all living are under the discipline and tutelage of the Lord. No man is your teacher only the Lord Christ is your teacher. We either obey or disobey his word.

We as servants of the Lord are instructed to refrain from condemning another servant believer because to his own master he stands or falls.

Paul makes an amazing statement in regard to a person exercising their faith.

Romans 14:4 *"And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand."*

The Lord Jesus is the sole teacher, master and Lord over any individual believer of God and his salvation plan.

Any person who stands between God and a believer will only cast a shadow over the truth. I call these people "shadow casters". They may mean well, but their well-meaning is not always in accordance with Christ's leading and direction. Much of the teaching today is formed out of men's traditions and age old philosophies of Socrates, Plato and such.

This brings back to my mind the words of scripture in **Psalms 37: 23-24**.

*"If the Lord delights in a man's way, He makes his steps firm;
Though he stumble he will not fall,
For the Lord upholds him with his hand."*

We as believers are not called to bring judgement that condemns because this tears down and destroys faith in God and his goodness.

WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BUILD AND FULFILL, NOT TO DESTROY AND TEAR DOWN.

Jesus himself was, is and always will be the greatest builder/teacher from beginning to end. He is building the greatest living structure in all of creation's history and glory. This is why he is acknowledged as Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end.

He is building a living temple made up of living stones, a holy habitation in which God the Father will eternally dwell. Jesus is the foundation of this holy living temple, he is also the cap stone and the plumb line of this living glorious body of Christ – he is the living head from which every living stone or every living part gains its life.

Some have gone before us - Some are with us - Some come after us. All the heroes in Hebrews 11, the great faith chapter are the ones who have gone before us. None of them received the full promise for without us they could not be made perfect.

The scripture declares the glory of this body of Christ and reveals that what is written will be a reality and come alive in our hearts and minds by the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit giving the truth of the life of Christ within us and the sharing of his glory, we are just empty vessels of clay that are not fit for the master's use.

2 Timothy 2: 20-21

²⁰ In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. ²¹ If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the master and prepared to do any good work.

The scripture speaks figuratively, allegorically, metaphorically and in parables to express spiritual truths and purposes. It behoves us to ask the Holy Spirit who revealed the truth in the first instance to give us the correct interpretation, intent and meaning of every scriptural doctrine. We can ask and question whether it builds up and magnifies Jesus as Lord and also does it bring the life of God? This you can judge. Jesus' words are spirit and they are life, and if any man does God's will, he will know his doctrine. If we rely entirely on men's interpretations of holy script, we will enter into error. Each of us must stand accountable before God for our own words and deeds.

Blindness is not a sin because Jesus heals blindness. Jesus healed the man that was born blind and said that neither he nor his parents had sinned, but he was made whole for the glory of God. It is for the glory of God that the Father opens our eyes to see and our ears to hear. All for the glory of God that shows his grace is not in vain.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸ Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind." ⁴⁰ Some Pharisees who were with him heard him say this and asked, "What? Are we blind too?" ⁴¹ Jesus said, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim you can see, your guilt remains. (John 9: 35-41).

To refuse to seek the Lord's will and his righteous kingdom, is to remain blind and ignorant and therefore our guilt remains. To remain in the darkness is to abandon God and his righteous purposes, thereby we remain blind on purpose.

Jesus heals the blind, the lame and the deaf. He opens our eyes that we might see the truth. He opens our ears that we might hear the truth. He heals our lameness so that we might walk in the truth through the straight gate and down the narrow path to life. Jesus raises us out of death into eternal life, all for the glory of God. This surely is the grace of God!

We as sincere believers seek the Lord and walk as Jesus walked not doing everything for ourselves, but living a life laid down with and for Christ that always does good to our fellow man and thereby bringing glory, honour and power to the Father the living God. This is the duty of a disciple of Christ. Anything that diverts this truth and brings the glory, honour and power to ourselves or to another is the seed of the evil one, he scatters these seeds daily. Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees. We are to be like Christ in building others up with acts of kindness and loving compassion, and not following vain religious practices that have a form of godliness but deny the power of God. Never thinking more highly than we ought to think, but thinking soberly, compassionately in the wisdom of humility and meekness.

The way of the cross is laying down our lives and dying to the dictates and demands of an evil generation. We can also be like Jesus and take the lowest rung of the ladder not living in self-regarding importance and garnering praise. Not living as the Gentiles do in self-promotion and entitlement, but

taking the form of a servant and abhorring living by self-regarding love. To consider ourselves better than others and living our life with an attitude of superiority over inferiority is living in error. We are still sinners yet saved by grace and only made righteous through faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This is a gift of God, so how can we boast. The mercy of God allows us to enter his holy presence as repentant sinners by trusting in his grace and love through faith in Jesus.

In the old covenant the high priest entered the most holy place once a year (with the blood of bulls and goats) to appear before the mercy seat and atone for his sins and the sins of the people, but it could not clear their conscience from guilt. Now in the new covenant we have a High Priest who without sin entered the most holy place and obtained mercy for all unrighteous sinners. If we trust in his sacrificial atonement and confess our sins, we obtain mercy and help and our conscience is cleansed from all unrighteousness and guilt.

Those that live according to life in Christ disregard men's praises and give all the glory, honour and power to the Lord. We can now say God only is good and if there is any praise, any goodness it must have been given through Jesus our Lord.

The way of the cross is to be a vessel unto honour fit for the Master's use – Jesus Christ is Lord and Lord of all. Paul even though he were an apostle of the Lord and was used by Christ in a magnificent way, always counted his natural abilities and knowledge as excrement in comparison to the mighty workings and wonders of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here is a true saying:

*The last will be first,
and the first will be last.*

Are you willing to take the lowest rung on the ladder and make yourself of no reputation and humble yourself under God's mighty hand?

No one else can do this for you -

There are somethings in this life that you have to do yourself to gain the mysteries of God's kingdom.

You must forgive others – no one else can forgive for you, but you!

God teaches us to forgive as he has forgiven us. Forgiveness is a personal thing that an individual does through the power and help of the Holy Spirit. If we do not individually operate in forgiveness out of our own heart, we have not been taught the truth that is in Jesus and we are only wallowing in the mire. God will not forgive those that don't forgive. Only God forgives, but the gift of forgiving was one of the keys of the kingdom that Christ gave to the called out ones as a gift that the gates of hell cannot overcome and defeat.

We also must repent individually – no one else can repent for you, but only you.

Whole hearted repentance brings whole hearted forgiveness from God. Yet, it is God through the Holy Spirit and scripture that causes us to repent. The Holy Spirit teaches us that God the Father is a builder not a destroyer and his goodness is revealed by encouraging us and giving us the Word of Christ, this causes us to repent of our old way and live in obedience to Jesus. It is only the old serpent, the evil one, Satan himself who sows bad seed and comes to steal, kill, destroy and accuse the brethren.

Romans 2: 1-4

¹ You, therefore have no excuse, you who pass judgement on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgement do the same things. ² Now we know that God's judgement against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you a mere man, pass judgement on them yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgement? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realising that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

All God's righteous judgement upon us is to conform us into the image of his Son and all discipline is for our good.

We may think "Oh I don't do as other sinners do", but the Spirit's teaching is not dealing with the outward things, He is concerned with what goes on within our heart. The old teaching makes the outer of the cup clean, but the teaching of Christ cleanses the inner parts and makes us clean. Our thoughts, our ideas, our motives, our intentions, our conscience is made clean through the shed blood of Christ. We then are empowered to do deeds that are ordained by God and living by faith we please our Father.

Paul writes further in holy script the consequences of disobedience to this instruction. (Read for yourself Romans 2: 5-11).

Even though we see things occurring in the world today that are disturbing to us and can challenge our faith. It is paramount that we encourage one another and live in accordance with the living Word of God. Do not despair because this may appear as the last days, but there have been days of darkness in this earth in times past. The scripture declares that these dark days happened in the days of Noah and God's judgement came upon men through the flood. At the tower of Babel God's judgement appeared and language was confounded. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah experienced God's judgement by fire and brimstone to stem the tide of evil.

The greatest day of judgement came on the day of Christ's crucifixion when the sun was darkened and the whole world experienced the judgement upon evil when the judgement of our sin was laid upon Jesus. This darkness, this ignorance still lies upon the darkened human mind that does not repent and God the Father must rebuke this ignorance as sin. Yet we can trust in the wisdom of God that the purposes of God will be fulfilled and not only will all ignorance and unbelief be overcome by God's power, but the whole of creation will bow the knee to the Lord, and what has been subjected to futility will experience a cosmic renewal.

As the prophet Isaiah wrote as he was taught of God.

Isaiah 45: 19-25

*¹⁹ I have not spoken in secret, from somewhere in a land of darkness;
I have not said to Jacob's descendants,
'Seek me in vain.'*

*I, the LORD, speak the truth;
I declare what is right.*

*²⁰ "Gather together and come; assemble, you fugitives from the nations.
Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood,
who pray to gods that cannot save.*

²¹ Declare what is to be, present it - let them take counsel together.

Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past?

Was it not I, the LORD?

*And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Saviour;
there is none but me.*

²² *"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;*

for I am God, and there is no other.

²³ *By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity*

a word that will not be revoked:

Before me every knee will bow;

by me every tongue will swear.

²⁴ *They will say of me, 'In the LORD alone are deliverance and strength.'"*

All who have raged against him

will come to him and be put to shame.

²⁵ *But all the descendants of Israel will find deliverance in the LORD*

and will make their boast in him.

Let us through faith in Jesus humble ourselves under God's mighty hand and repent of our unkindness, our unlovingness, our unforgiveness and wait patiently on the Lord and he will exalt the lowly and the meek in due time. This is the Day, yes this very day – TODAY - when the world and its demands can come to an end and by faith a believer can live for the glory of God.

Let us be worthy vessels in the household of God doing all things to glorify our Father and his only son Jesus.

Receive this instruction from the Holy Spirit.

Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil, cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honour one another above yourselves.

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, share with God's people who are in need.

Practice hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse.

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Live in harmony with one another.

Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.

Do not be conceited.

Do not repay evil with evil.

Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody.

If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written "It is mine to avenge; I will repay says the Lord."

On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him.

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head".

Do not be overcome by evil, overcome evil with good.

(This is scripture from Romans 12: 9-21).

Though it is good to do this in the natural it must also be done in the spiritual. To our enemy we feed him the bread of life – the gospel of Jesus Christ and his kingdom. To the thirsty we give the water of life – Jesus the living Word. To be a fully repentant believer in this day needs to be one of courage and faith where we encourage one another while it's called today.

The governments and rulers of this present age that is passing away, need our prayers and the truth of the gospel of Christ in fullness. The Gospel is not a wishy-washy diluted version called social justice and human rights. The true believers must proclaim the sovereignty of God and not put any trust in the arm of the flesh. The flesh profits nothing but the Spirit brings life. We see the failure of men using their own wisdom to command unity and peace. All their decisions and desires may appear good, but they only lead to death. Unless they turn to the Lord this will continue. Caesar type empirical control and the demonic power of mammon only lead to destruction.

In the world's version of history, many rulers have come and gone and many kingdoms have risen and crumbled, but yet the end has not come. All these kingdoms were offered to Jesus but he denied them and refused to bow the knee to the one who offered them. There is only one eternal kingdom without end and it is the Kingdom of God.

What has been offered you? Prestige, honour, power, mammon, glory, praise, beauty, the whole world at the cost of your soul. The things that come through the prince of this world will only bring despair, depression and heart break.

Be like Jesus and refuse the enticements of the world, take the path through the straight gate and worship God our Father in Spirit and in Truth. This pathway is narrow but it leads to life, the other road is wide and the traffic on it is heavy, but that road leads to destruction and death.

You and I do not need a building to go and worship in, for we have a temple whose builder and maker is God. We do not need a greedy shepherd that relies on receiving the glory that belongs to Jesus, we do not need a multitude to agree with us. What we need is a heart and soul totally sold out to Jesus as the living Lord who holds the keys of death and hell. What is needed in the world today is fleshly hearts revived by the Holy Spirit of God who have no other Lord than Christ. The Spirit that they follow is gentle, meek and humble who does not crave honour, glory and self-seeking pride but lives for the honour of Jesus the Father's only begotten living Son, the Word of God.

This Word of God is living and is not encased on rock hard tablets of stone nor the pages of a book. This Word is brought alive by the Holy Spirit's power and makes men's hearts love the Lord and to worship him every day, in every way, in adversity or in blessing, in the light of dawn and in the dusk of darkness.

A 24/7 religion of love, intent and purpose and power.

May our God reign supreme throughout all the earth and may many be saved and repent of their blindness and hardness of heart and flee the wrath to come.

The wrath of God abides on all who refuse his mercy and grace, not only now but in the future. The dying age is passing away and the true light now shines. Christ is the true light of the coming age and this true light is now shining and filling seeking believers with courage and love of the truth.

This is our prayer, may your kingdom come and the will of God be done on earth as in heaven.

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