

**April 2023**

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 for 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"* (John 16: 33). 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.

(Proverbs 3: 5-6) <sup>5</sup> *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding,* <sup>6</sup> *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 John the Baptist has prophesied in (Luke 3: 16-18).

<sup>16</sup> *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. <sup>17</sup> 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."* <sup>18</sup> *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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## April 2023 Message

### If you lift Jesus up and exalt Him, you will be drawn unto Him

Dear Friends,

Once again we meet on God's holy mountain to join again in praise of our redeemer. Our soul has escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowler.

We are united to God through faith in Jesus Christ, we have died and our life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory. This is our hope and when we live in this hope we purify ourselves and keep his commandments. We don't do anything in or for vain glory. No, we do everything by faith out of a pure heart because we love God and his son Jesus Christ. We do not follow him because we have to, but we follow him because we want to. Our prayer for ourselves and for you is that we will do everything out of sincere love for Jesus. The faith that we believe in and live by is the faith that works by love. This is not a pretend faith or a pretend love, it is the faith of God.

How did this faith become our faith?

It was a gift given to us by a Holy God and this gift of God is given to us when we hear the word of Christ and believe and obey. We cannot boast or take any credit for this faith as if we earned it or were entitled to it. Faith comes to us as a small mustard seed which grows and grows until it becomes so strong it overshadows every other plant in our garden of life. The only way faith grows is by loving Jesus and putting our full trust in him day by day. Faith and love grow together.

God is so good – He is so good to grant us eternal peace and joy, so that we can serve Christ in everything we do. We can praise God in all we say and do because we have died to the old way of living and now live unto God as a brand new creation. We serve Jesus by a new and living way, not in the old letter that brings condemnation and fear.

We say as Paul wrote to the **2 Corinthians 3: 4-6**.

*<sup>4</sup> Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are competent in ourselves, but our competence comes from God. <sup>6</sup> He made us competent as ministers of the New Covenant – not of the letter, but of the Spirit for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.*

For too long were we held in bondage to the dictates and doctrines of men that hindered us from entering into the Kingdom of the Son of his love (Take note that it is the Kingdom of love). This Kingdom can only be seen and entered into when we follow Jesus into the regeneration. The door or gate is narrow that leads to the path of life. The broad way has a wide gate to the path of destruction and the traffic is heavy on that road. The path that Jesus leads us on is the path of life, it is not the path to Heaven, it is the path of life! This path of life is the path that we must walk to gain the way to heaven. You cannot get to heaven if you refuse the way God has planned. The path of life is a person and if a soul refuses this person they have no inheritance in Christ's riches of glory.

Jesus said *"I am the way, the truth and the life"*.

Jesus' way is the way of the cross which all must come to and be crucified with Christ by faith. Each must take up their cross and follow him or they cannot be his disciple. The disciples of Christ hear his voice and a stranger they will not follow and no man can pluck them out of the Father's hand. If the hearing of the Word of Christ crucified for sinners, does not break your hardened heart and bring the

scales from your eyes, then we are like the children of Israel in the provocation. They did not enter the promised land because of their unbelief. All unbelief is sin. When Christ's love enters your heart it creates unbridled love and joy for a loving Father and the Son of his love and causes the mysteries of the Kingdom to open to you. The apostle Paul always preached Jesus Christ and him crucified. He did not come with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the power of God so that their faith might not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God. This is why the preaching of Christ crucified is the power of God for salvation to all who believe.

Do you believe this or do you require something else to save you and deliver you?

Do you need your own righteous acts to save you?

Do you need a set of rules to save you?

Do you need a church or a man to save you?

Or, do you only rely on Jesus to save you?

It is time to wake to righteousness and understand that the salvation that God freely gives to his children is the power of life – eternal life.

When Jesus died on the cross the old man or the adamic nature died at the cross. When Christ died we died also and sin has no dominion over a dead man. Jesus bore the curse and the penalty of the broken law and set us free to live in the newness of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. We cannot add or subtract to this gracious work of God but we can all grow in the grace and the mercy of this revelation knowledge. But the great good news of the Gospel is that Jesus broke the power of sin and death and we are no longer under the covenant of works but as a new creation we abide in the covenant of grace. Now hear the Gospel – Jesus was crucified and died for our sins and was raised out from among the dead to give us spiritual life.

He died – we died

He was raised – we were raised

Now the life we now live in the flesh we live by the faith of the son of God who loved us and died for us.

This is how we can live in newness of life through Christ who dwells in our spirit and saves our soul from corruption.

Every preacher should be preaching Christ crucified, but this is not enough for them, they have to trust in intellect of the soul to try to fathom out the mysteries of God instead of living by faith and being led by the Spirit. Some do not trust that the good work that God began in a believer's heart can be completed without some other mediation than Jesus Christ. They do not believe that the Holy Spirit can complete the intercession that brings a soul back into right balance with God. They do not trust the sovereignty of God in all things. They do not enter the Kingdom of the Son of his love and live the life Jesus promised us. Every minister of God if sent by God, would teach that the only one who can teach you the way of the cross, has nailed scarred hands and a pierced side from which flowed the water and the blood. (John 3: 34) *For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limit.*

This is speaking of Jesus and this true Saviour sent the Holy Spirit to bring to our remembrance the words of truth which he preached. Jesus gave men as gifts to proclaim this glorious Gospel until we all come to maturity, so that the body of Christ be built up, till we 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. Another way of saying this is until Christ is formed in you.

#### **Galatians 4: 19**

*My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you.*

You are the temple of the Holy Spirit and we together all are built up into a holy temple of God. We together are the dwelling place of God.

How do those that lay claim to the written word as inerrant, obey the following text that comes from the book of Acts. They would need to be selective, disobedient, false messengers or hypocrites.

#### **Acts 17: 24-27**

*<sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of Heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And is not served by human hands as if he needed anything, because he gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.*

It is true that God is not far from each one of us. God is not in the world – the world is in God.

God upholds all things by the word of his power and the only person who can reveal this to us is Jesus Christ. He is the only one who came down from heaven and he is the only one who can show you the way back to the Father. If you think your pastor, prophet or a minister can do this, you are deceived. The true minister of the Gospel will teach or tell you that the only hope of glory is Jesus Christ. That person will make him or herself of no reputation and will not try to draw attention to themselves, but will humble themselves under God's mighty hand and they will meekly tell you Christ Jesus is the only way. They will not preach themselves or their institution, they will declare that while you live in sinful flesh you can have dominion over it and you can live in Christ's Kingdom while you are on earth. They will not lord it over your heritage, but will encourage you to live unto God and deny yourself and learn from him. They will encourage you, that you belong to God and they will treat you as Christ would treat you, in love – yes in love, until you grow into the stature of Christ himself.

The character of the love that emanates from, through and in Christ's Kingdom is easily identified and easily known as it is not self-regarding but is full of forgiveness and declares God only is good and gives all honour and glory to God.

This love is described in **1 Corinthians 13: 4-8**

*Love is patient*

*Love is kind*

*Love does not envy*

*Love does not boast*

*Love is not proud*

*Love is not rude*

*Love is not self-seeking*

*Love is not easily angered*

*Love keeps no record of our wrongs*

*Love does not delight in evil*

*Love rejoices with the truth*

*Love always protects*

*Love always trusts*

*Love always hopes*

*Love always perseveres*

*Love never fails*

These are the attributes or character we can recognise in ourselves if the love of Christ is within us or not. If we fail the test we must repent and cry out to God to be filled with his Holy Spirit. This love is given as a gift from God through the Holy Spirit. This love is shed abroad in our hearts and this love is

spiritual and is not produced by the soul of man, but is generated by the Holy Spirit. Only the seed of Christ can produce this love in our hearts.

### **Romans 5: 5**

*And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

God looks upon the heart and he knows the one who has been subdued by Christ's love is the one who has matured and grown. He also knows the mouth that says "Lord, Lord" but has a heart that is far from him, will not have a place in his Kingdom. The heart that does not fully repent will always form an idol to love rather than to obey the great commandment to love God with all your heart and soul and mind and all your strength. The heart that was in the Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled this commandment and with that same heart he loved you. He did not have a divided heart. Do you have that same kind of heart that Jesus had or do you judge and curse men that are made in the image of God? The divided heart will receive nothing from the Lord. The divided heart will have to form an idol, a god of their own making. The Spirit that God has given us is not the Spirit of the world, it does not exalt itself and does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore, love fulfils the law. The scripture says we are in debt to all men, not just to our friends, but to love our enemies. We are to owe no man anything but to love them. That is the debt we owe to mankind.

Let us look at **Romans 5: 8-11**

*<sup>8</sup> But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup> For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup> Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

We are not saved by our own life we are saved by Christ's life.

### **1 Corinthians 13: 1-3**

*<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.*

The latter part of this scripture clearly denounces having a martyr complex or a victim mentality whilst serving Christ. Our service to God must be birthed in love. Our duty to obey his commandments is borne out of love.

Consider this, that if you could fathom all mysteries and all knowledge and you could gain the whole world what would it profit you? If you were to seek the praises of men and not the glory of God what a wretched life it would be.

No matter how good you may appear, no matter how holy you appear, you cannot gift the gifts of God to another person. The gifts of God are not a parcel that can be handed from one person to another. The gifts of God come down from heaven from the Father of lights and can only be given by God to be used for God's glory. Men who take the glory to themselves, who come in their own name and the name of their institutions, will one day meet the King of Glory and be ashamed. What appears as success in this world may be a failure in the heavenlies. God alone knows.

The Spirit of Christ is given by Christ and those that don't have the Spirit of Christ do not belong to Christ. You may mentally accent to belong to Christ, but it is only the Spirit of Christ that can reproduce Christ in you. The natural man may produce good, but he cannot produce eternal life. You may even appear to be a good person, but it is only Christ in your heart by faith that can reproduce the character of light, love and life within you. Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. The riches of glory are Christ in you.

### **Colossians 1: 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.*

We pray the same prayer that Paul prayed for you all.

### **Colossians 1: 9-14**

*<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. <sup>10</sup> And we pray this in order that you may live a life worth of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully <sup>12</sup> giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

We must get down from viewing the future and our destiny from some high Mount Olympus (the soul, intellect or high IQ) or from Mount Everest (our own human endeavour). But we must climb Golgotha and view our destiny from lowly Calvary to gain the true perspective of eternal life.

The only way to subdue our enemies is by love, a love that never fails.

When we refuse to have faith, that is in Christ and Christ alone, we miss the mark and sin. The true faith only works by love and it is not self-promoting, but exalts Jesus. *Where our heart is so will our treasure be.* We store up for ourselves heavenly things where no thief can break in and steal, where no moth or rust can corrode. There is great joy in laying your life down for Christ, for this is where we experience the very presence of God and no man can give you this reward, it is a heavenly pleasure that costs you nothing but your life and the false idea of what true life really is.

For us it is Jesus only, Jesus always, Jesus now, our Creator and Redeemer.

It is too late to come to us and tell us we cannot enter God's Kingdom NOW. First and foremost, we never received it from you or any other natural minded man. We received this kingdom when we were born again from above and gained entrance to it by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **John 3: 3**

*I tell you the truth, no one can see the Kingdom of God unless he is born again.*

### **John 3: 5**

*I tell you the truth, no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born of the water and the Spirit.*

Our fellowship is with the Father and the Son and we desire that you might have fellowship in this Kingdom of love. It cost Jesus everything to bring us into this life and we count it all joy to lay down

our life for him, because we have been bought with a price and our life is not our own and we shall not fear what man can do to us now.

May we have true fellowship in Christ's love with you, where there is no law to prohibit us from worshipping the only true and wise God.

**Romans 14: 17-18**

*<sup>17</sup> For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking but of righteous, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit <sup>18</sup> because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.*

**Romans 15: 5-7**

*<sup>5</sup> May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus <sup>6</sup> so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.*

Live in Love, love for Jesus.

May his Kingdom come and reign for ever more in the hearts of those that love the Lord Jesus Christ.

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We have written this because Jesus taught us this way. In the past the teachings of men with other motives and intentions other than to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, who were steeped in denominational dead works robbed us of the life of Christ and burdened us with elemental rules and regulations. What Christ had freed us from we once again became entangled in the yoke of bondage. We praise God that for freedom Christ set us free. This is not a freedom to do as we will, but it is a freedom to serve Christ without breaking the royal law of love.