

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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Freedom is not an illusion, but only Christ can give true release.

Galatians 5: 1-6

¹ It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. ² Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. ³ Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. ⁴ You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. ⁵ But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit of righteousness for which we hope. ⁶ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Dear Friends,

We as ministers of reconciliation can only minister in part what Christ alone can teach any man. We have not attained to what Jesus called us to, but we by faith press toward the mark, the high calling of the one sent by God. We along with every single person will stand before the judgement seat of Christ and give account for every word and deed we have done in the body. So, with this in mind we like the apostle Paul preach Christ crucified, the power of God unto salvation and Jesus alone our only hope of righteousness. If our faith becomes self-meritorious faith, then our faith is as unbelief. If our righteousness becomes self-meritorious it becomes self-righteousness. If our repentance becomes self-meritorious our repentance ceases to be Godly repentance and mimics the repentance of Esau which is selling out our birthright.

It is our birthright to inherit the blessings in Christ. If our love become self-meritorious it becomes a far cry from the love of God shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit. If our freedom becomes a life without Christ and his restraints which causes our love for God and the brethren, it becomes selfish bondage. If forgiveness is not birthed by the Spirit of Christ, it becomes judgemental vengeance. If the works, we do become self-meritorious we rob the true minister of grace and truth of his rightful glory. He alone is worthy of all praise honour and glory. We as disciples of Christ are servants of Christ Jesus and are only fulfilling our duty for our Master.

As he is, so are we in this world.

Jesus came as a servant his road it was clear. He came in humiliation and subjected himself to and under every known authority that operated in the natural realm. He knew that behind every corrupted authority that manifested itself on earth that this corruption was orchestrated by influences from the evil spiritual realm. In subjection to these corrupt spiritual demonic manipulators, Jesus only used the weapons of God that this evil world counts as impotent and powerless. Jesus came as Saviour/Redeemer and took the road less travelled, a road that men of flesh and blood will not travel. He walked in meekness and humility as a servant to God and a servant to all men. He owed no man anything but love. He brought the coming age or the kingdom of God to earth and decimated Satan's power by entering the strong man's house and destroying his goods.

This world that we live in now is the arena where Jesus walked and lived as an adamic man. This life that Christ lived was a life that encompassed every temptation to depart from the narrow road that has an entrance likened to a straight gate. This road demanded a single mind, a single hearted purpose, a guidance from an invisible Father which required prayer and faithful obedience to this one single voice amongst all the clamouring voices of the world. This straight gate and narrow path is a metaphor of Jesus' walk. This pathway was to be accomplished according to the prophecies foretold and expressed by the holy men and prophets of

old. This road that Jesus chose was a destiny that required the one sent by God to suffer and die at the hands of those he had been sent to save.

Even though Jesus was a lamb slain before the foundation of the world, what was hidden was not disclosed until he began his ministry. Though he was in the beginning with God and created all things, the declaration of who he was on earth was not openly disclosed until he submitted to the greatest prophet born of a woman. Jesus laid down his credentials as the Creator to become of no reputation. In his subjection to John's baptism for righteousness sake he came up out of the water and was empowered for his ministry of reconciliation by the Holy Spirit. The voice of the Father was heard by those that could hear; *"This is my beloved Son"*.

The road for Jesus was for 'a little while' and in this time he was made subject to the angels for the suffering of death.

John the Baptist was shown a great mystery when he saw Jesus walking on the river Jordan's bank. A statement that reverberates down through the centuries since the day Jesus Christ the Son of God hung between heaven and earth on a cruel cross at Calvary.

"Behold the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world".

When Jesus said *"I am the way, the truth and the life"* he was declaring he had been taught of the Father the way to overcome the sin darkened world which had been corrupted by satanic influences was through the nature of the lamb. The truth of obedience in humility and meekness led through a straight gate down a narrow path to life. Through suffering Jesus learned obedience, even obedience to death on a cross.

Yes, the shed blood of Jesus is the cleansing flow that takes away the sin of the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God prophesied and foreshadowed in every aspect of scripture. Now obedience to Christ is a narrow door and a straight path.

This is why the apostle Paul could declare.

1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

¹ When I came to you brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God (or the mystery of God). ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you, except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness and fear, with much trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

The apostle Paul preached and taught that the Holy Spirit was the teacher and what the Holy Spirit taught was Jesus and him crucified, Jesus was the only one that could take away the sin of the world. Jesus was the true light and life of the coming age and God's kingdom. Jesus was the Creator of all that is created, and at the Father's request he came into this world to seek and save that which was lost. He came to his own and his own rejected him because the devil through the power of deception played upon the lusts of men's hearts and turned the truth into a lie. Men now worshipped the creation rather than a benevolent loving Creator. The devil or Satan, the old serpent that deceived the first Adam is the same being that tempted Jesus in the wilderness and today he tempts us all by working on the lusts of our sin ravaged hearts. Satan is a created angel and desires for all creation to worship him.

We know when we obey the teachings of Christ it is caused by a power beyond our own efforts. This is the power of the Holy Spirit that brings the written word alive in our hearts and writes the commands and directions of Christ on the fleshly tablets of our heart. Not like in other old covenants where God wrote upon hard granite like tablets of stone. The new covenant is written on willing and compliant humble hearts and minds that worship God in spirit and truth.

To interpret the scriptures and find the true meaning that sets us free and allows us the freedom of the Kingdom of God has only one pathway. This pathway is the way of the cross. Only the humble hear the voice of Christ. Jesus humbled himself and only said and did what he saw his Father do.

“As he is, so are we in this world”.

We are to subject ourselves to every known or unknown authority in the humility of wisdom and subject ourselves in meekness to every attitude and intention of the institutions of naturally minded men. In gentleness of Spirit we submit to the call of God and obey the leading of Christ by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will bring to our remembrance the words of Christ. It is in remembrance that God speaks to us. God the Holy Spirit who is the invisible Lord will cause us to remember what we have forgotten and cause us to forget what should be forgotten. The Holy Spirit will remind us in remembrance that the sins which cause us to be condemned are washed away by the blood of Jesus and once confessed and owned up to as our own, are cast as far as the east is from the west and thrown into the sea of forgetfulness. Then the Holy Spirit will bring to our remembrance that Christ lives in our heart and greater is he that is in us than he that is in the world.

The truth of the gospel of Christ and his kingdom will be made a reality in our heart.

The Holy Spirit brought to Paul's remembrance these words in **Romans 8: 36-39**.

³⁶ As it is written:

*For your sake we face death all day long;
We are considered sheep to be slaughtered.*

³⁷ No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 3: 21-23

²⁰ So then no more boasting about men! All things are yours, ²² whether Paul, Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all are yours, ²³ and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

What confidence, what humility of wisdom when we come in fear and trembling proclaiming the truth that is in Jesus. We cannot make any boast in ourselves or in our own achievements. If any man has any gift, any talent, any hope, any faith, any love, it must be in humility that he condescends that this wisdom of love was granted from above and his or her boast must be in the Lord. The institutions of men are all corrupted by and through sin and all on the wide path arrive at destruction and death. The path that we must take is the path that leads to life. The true Christian must walk the walk that Jesus walked. Jesus encourages us in our limitation of Adam to put our full trust in him and walk down the narrow path to life. In dying daily to the claims of Satan through the old nature, we now through the Spirit are led. We are no longer under the law of commandments set by Moses, but are subject to the royal law of love in Christ Jesus. The old nature will deceive us into the rules of superiority, which claim that following rigid rules of will worship will gain the righteousness that pleases God.

The righteousness that pleases God is the righteousness of faith in Jesus Christ and the hope of his righteousness granted to us fulfils loves plans. This faith that is granted us in Christ only works by love, and this love never fails.

Natural man and the world that corrupts, manifests itself through the sinful nature.

Galatians 5: 19-21

¹⁹ The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6: 9-11

⁹ *Do you not know the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?*

Do not be deceived:

Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ *and that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

In all these things lay the corruption of sin inherited from Adam who obeyed Satan's call, all sin leads to death. In all these manifestations of sinfulness comes the stench and odour of death. Jesus never came for the righteous, but for the sinner. None of us can claim to be totally free from sin as this would make us liars and no liar has a place in God's kingdom. But we can claim to have victory over the power of sin through the bodily sacrifice of Jesus.

1 John 1: 8

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

The truth is in Jesus and him alone. God the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ accepts and imputes the righteousness of Christ to all who come to God through faith in Christ. Jesus is the Creator that came into creation and atoned for every sin that mankind has committed and this grace manifests mercy to the vilest sinner.

It is from faith to faith walking in love to all just like Jesus that declares to our own heart that the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace and joy and is ours in Christ through the Holy Spirit. What a mystery of gratefulness is created in a sinner's heart when it yields in humility and meekness to the gentle powers given to us in Christ.

What is hidden is now being revealed.

To those who choose the straight gate and walk the narrow path, live in the kingdom's reality. This reality is by promise in the word of Christ revealed to them by the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus came in hidden form and then was revealed in glory to the disciples and to over 500 humble witnesses whom God chose. So that which is hidden will be revealed in the humble believer when Christ appears to them. He will appear in glory and we will be changed into that same glory. Come quickly Lord Jesus, come quickly according to your promise.

The saint walks as a pilgrim in this sin darkened world where the institutions amass forces that are not tolerated in God's kingdom and when the saint is over powered by their rhetoric they fall into the abyss of despair and error. But, the pilgrim can by faith overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony and they love not their lives unto death. (Rev 12: 11). God has promised the steps of a faith guided man are ordered by the Lord and though he fall he will be lifted up again. Dear follower of Jesus that stumbles at the word of Christ, take heart, the one that created you will lift you up and put your feet upon a rock and change you into the image of Jesus from glory unto glory even by the Spirit of the Lord.

Trust in the Lord will all your heart and lean not on your own understanding and in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path.

Now is the hour, now is the day of salvation to fully repent and admit your blindness and your lameness. Jesus will open your eyes, strengthen your feebleness and according to his promise, open your understanding that you are a son becoming a son.

A son of God born of God's Spirit.

Let these scriptures from 1 John be written on the fleshly tablets of your heart by the Holy Spirit.

1 John 1: 6

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus walked.

1 John 3: 2-3

² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself just as he is pure.

Yes, faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen. (Faith engenders hope and brings the evidence that Christ's promise of eternal life is true).

1 John 4: 4-6

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. ⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; But whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognise the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

Those that speak of the world and its fears and troubles and try to discern its troubles, are no different than the Sharma's and gurus that promote their visions of the future by studying the entrails of animals and using Ouija boards. Trying to know things that even Jesus Christ was denied when he walked this earth. They declare themselves to all as false prophets and false teachers.

We must dismiss the prophets of false testimony and conspiracy and prayerfully ask the Father in Jesus' name how we can bring down the principalities and powers that lie behind the institutions of the world. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal for pulling down strongholds, but are mighty through God. The believer in Christ has an allotted time of three score years or more to proclaim the truth of God's kingdom and the gospel of Jesus Christ. May our sojourn be worthy of the life of Jesus and the cross of Christ. Help us dear Lord in our unbelief and blindness. Come Lord Jesus come quickly to us. We wait for your appearing as the deer pants at the water brook, yet we cry out for your patience so that others may enter your kingdom.

The blood of Abel cries out from the ground for vengeance, the covenant in the blood of Jesus cries out for forgiveness.

We are reminded by the word that Jesus spoke by the Spirit. Every generation that refuses Jesus Christ and his commands is classed as snakes and a brood of vipers. Upon this generation of recalcitrants comes the guilt and condemnation for the blood shed from righteous Abel to Zechariah son of Berekiah who was murdered between the temple and the altar. May this heavy burden drive us to seek Christ and his kingdom.

Luke 12: 4-5

⁴ I tell you my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. ⁵ But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him.

Jesus not only spoke these words but demonstrated the truth of these words in the evidence of a godly walk of obedience to the cross. He did not fear what evil men could do to him, but in his agony of passion cried out in love "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". Jesus took all their threats and actions and opened not his mouth in judgement against them, but prayed for them to be forgiven.

This is the destiny and walk of every believer to walk as Jesus walked. We must forgive all who bring any form of accusation or condemnation against us for believing in the gospel and our belief in Christ. "Blessed are those that are not offended in me" are Jesus' words of encouragement to us.

Jesus said to those who opposed him while he walked on earth.

Luke 13: 34-35

³⁴ O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'

The lesson to us is, are we coming in the "name of the Lord". The name of the Lord is Jesus Christ. Do we come in the name of our denomination or institution and tack on the name of Jesus? Do we come in the name of the law? which cannot bring life. Do we come in the name of the power of mammon? Do we come in the Emperors robes? Do we come in our own name and our own works and our own righteousness? Are we fearful to come in Jesus' name? Do we come in the name of the bible and are fearful to be defined by Jesus' name? Do we come in the name of some worldly historical notion or idea? It is hypocritical to come in Jesus' name and not walk and talk as Jesus walked.

Do we come in our own works and goodness?

Anything that does not come from the mind of Christ is not from God the Father.

The double mind receives nothing from the Lord.

Let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in you – one that humbles itself and makes itself of no reputation.

Dear friends, give all power, all honour to Christ and though it brings dishonour to you the grace and approval of the living God will rest within your soul. This is the receiving of the salvation of God, today is the day of salvation.

He is and always will be the alpha and omega, the beginning and the end.

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