

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.

**1 Corinthians 1:18**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,  
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**John 3: 16-21**

<sup>16</sup> For God so loved the WORLD that he gave his one and only SON, that whosoever believed in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his SON into the WORLD to condemn the WORLD, but save the WORLD through him. <sup>18</sup> Whosoever believes in him is not condemned, but whosoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. <sup>19</sup> This is the verdict: light has come into the WORLD, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup> Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup> But whosoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.

Dear Friends,

This guiding text is full of truth and absolutes that can cause us concerns considering our walk with God. It may raise questions as to what is meant by the world? Also, why are so called believers ready to condemn unbelievers? What does it mean to walk in the light and not in the darkness of this world? Why are we so slow of heart to believe the truth? Why is the church conformed to the ways of the WORLD?

Let us consider the world that the Father loves. The world the father loves is the world or Cosmos that the Godhead created which would be conformed to the rule of God as his holy kingdom. He placed the first man as the ruler of this world with authority and free will. God said to the man disobedience to the Creator's commands would bring death and destruction upon his soul and all creation.

This rulership was abdicated by disobedience which led to death and corruption entering into the natural world. *By one man's disobedience many were made sinners. Romans 5: 19. Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men because all sinned.*

**Romans 5: 12.** God the Creator warned the first man Adam that disobedience to the divine will would bring death upon his soul and in dying he would surely die. *The soul that sins dies. Ezekiel 18: 20.* Mankind's free will was now bound in slavery to death and the dictates of the prince of darkness. Though sin, corruption and death came into the world that God created, the Father of spirits had a plan of redemption for his creation. This redemptive plan was so unique it was only offered to mankind and the realm of the cosmos, it was not afforded to fallen angels or demons, they would forever be destined to remain doomed in darkness. This world though in sin, death and corruption still belonged to the Godhead and was loved by God, even though it had fallen and was now governed by the prince of the power of the air, the ruler in the darkness of this WORLD.

The whole of the created cosmos groans in anticipation for the manifestation of the sons of God when it will be released from bondage and returned to the glory realm. **Romans 8: 22-23.**

This world was now subject to darkness which manifested into antagonism against God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit. The "created man" now obeyed the prince of darkness and was bound in fear, false love, deception and ignorance. God who had created the sun and the moon to light the day and the moon to give some light at night was to remind mankind that his presence would be with man all the time.

This natural light of the sun can give sustenance and life to the natural world, but it is the light of God in the face of Jesus Christ, that gives the knowledge of the glory of life, light and love in God's true world and kingdom.

The world that the Father loves is different to the world that is alien to God's will which is described in **1 John 2: 15-17.**

*<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of the eyes and boasting of what he has and does, comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.*

Though the whole of creation was corrupted by the fall of Adam, the earth never lost its beauty and its place to be a desirable habitat for man. Yet man in his corrupted state brings into this planet, wars and strife, death and destruction through his greed and disobedience. Natural man is ignorant that he is serving a spiritual power that deceives him and frustrates his ability to obtain peace and unity. Every effort of natural man has an element of light and darkness, good and evil and the unity of peace he desires evades him. Every institution whether ordained by God or built from man's own efforts falls into corruption through the power of sin. No kingdom or institution built by man whether religious or secular will stand. So deceptively powerful is the work of God's enemy it turns good into evil. The law of God which is holy and good was turned into legalism and used to slay the Lamb of God.

The Lord Jesus who was the "sent one" the Son of the Most High is and was the Christ given to this corrupted world to restore peace and reconciliation with its Creator and each other. His word and his kingdom is all that will prevail. This wisdom of God is revealed through the cross of Christ. What the devil had masterminded through his earthly agents of flesh and blood, God now used to save his creation. God the Father overcame evil with good. So degrading is the power of sin and Satan's influence that the name that is above every name, THE NAME OF JESUS, is now a byword a curse word upon the lips and under the tongue of all men that live in ignorance.

Just as man had accepted to disobey its creator through "free will" disobedience, God knows that in his wisdom "free will" which he gifted to Adam would be the catalyst that would bring his corrupted universe back into the heavenly fold of love, joy and peace. God will not use force or deception, but will draw you by love for his crucified Son into his kingdom realm. God will reawaken your "free will" to obey light instead of darkness. Only the Lamb of God crucified can open the blind eyes and take away the sin of the world.

God's justice and mercy will override wrath and condemnation. Slowly but tenaciously in love, he has and will produce acts of love and mercy in his corrupted creatures and draw them out of darkness into the light of life. Not every covenant was interpreted in this manner or correctly in faith and what was determined as Godly quickly turned into the rules of men and building kingdoms of self. Institutions that claimed to have God's mandate would rise and fall because they were birthed out of the corrupt mind of fallen man. The scriptures are full of historical evidence of great kingdoms that have risen and fallen in times past. We in our life time have seen the rise and deflation of the British empire, a kingdom that claimed the sun never set upon it. We have historical records of many kingdoms that have gained power in all parts of the world. Roman, Greek, Inca, Aztec, dynasties in China, Ming etc., these kingdoms come and go in the world – (that is in and of the corrupt world). One kingdom that has never fallen and has remained eternally everlasting is the kingdom of God. Religious denominations, whether true or false both rise and fall. Churches come and go, but the kingdom of God remains.

All the kingdoms of this world and their glory were offered to Jesus in a "moment of time" by Satan in the wilderness temptation. Jesus in his wisdom knew the glory these kingdoms offered was false glory and

refused the temptation by worshipping God alone. We must be like Jesus and worship God in spirit and in truth alone.

Jesus came from a kingdom that was before the foundation of this world, and in obedience to his Father he entered the darkness of this world in the line of David's family, to bring the knowledge of the glory of God to the descendants of faithful Abraham and then to all the offspring of corrupt Adam.

Today there are men that are proclaiming a gospel of a glory that they say can be found outside of God's heavenly realm. They are false prophets, they are futuristic hailers of false knowledge, they seek knowledge that was not even afforded to Jesus. *They have adopted the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience* **Ephesians 2: 2**. They are in slavery by deception to the prince of this darkened world and cannot proclaim knowledge of the glory of Christ's kingdom because they have never entered into the promise of being in Christ through faith.

But who are we to judge, this is not our calling, we must leave all judgement unto God our Father. The word of truth will judge us all on the last day.

### **Matthew 6: 19-24**

<sup>19</sup> *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup> But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is there your heart will be also.*

This is the story of two kingdoms.

<sup>22</sup> *"The eye is the lamp of the body, if your eyes are good, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. IF THEN THE LIGHT THAT IS IN YOU IS DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS! <sup>24</sup> No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*

We must pray aright, not against flesh and blood (whom we are commanded to love), but binding the principalities and powers that blind the hearts and minds of those taken captive of the devil at his will. The blind lead the blind into the ditch. We as believers must acknowledge we were among those blinded, until Christ opened our hearts and minds. *We all once lived in the passion of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, so were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.* **Ephesians 2: 3**.

Yes, it is by grace we are saved it is a gift of God least any man should boast. We are now repentant sinners who trust in the righteousness of Christ for our salvation. We live by faith alone, in Christ alone. We believe the good work which he has begun in us, he will perform and accomplish until the day of Christ. We live in the light of God's Word of Christ by faith, which works by love. The Word of Christ is the light of life, and it is in this light we live by faith. A faith that works by love.

We as disciples of Christ must go into this darkened world without fear or favour and declare the gospel of the kingdom of God before the end will come. It is the gospel of the kingdom which is not of this world which must be preached to all nations. Then the end of this corrupted world will come.

The abomination that causes desolation spoken by Daniel the prophet stands in the holy place this day. Will Christ find great faith upon the earth when he comes at the end of the ages?

The gospel of the kingdom of God is not denominational, it is not a building where people gather. It is not men proclaiming a righteousness that exalts self, or men appearing in robes that echo a now a defunct covenant. Jesus identified this portrayal as "a brood of vipers". It is not a creed or doctrine contrived by men, it is not gathering a whole lot of scriptures and creating an institution, it is not the self-pleasing of men and having titles declaring a religious superiority. Jesus is the only titled one and all disciples are servants of

Christ who glorify God by giving all honour, power and glory to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The seed thought that is foundational in denominationalism is that they are the righteous ones.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF GOD IS THE RIGHTEOUS ONE.

The kingdom of God is the realm of the King who has been invested from on high. This King is the anointed one sent from the Father. He declares by the evidence of good works that he comes from another kingdom that is above this world and to diminish his glory and his righteousness is an abomination.

This Prince of peace brings peace and gives us this peace. A peace not as the world gives. This is not a peace that comes from the corrupted world, but is peace from heaven. When they cry peace, peace, sudden destruction will come. This is the hallmark of the peace that comes from a corrupted mind and action which ends in turmoil and strife. The covetous know not the mind of Christ, a mind which can endure through all circumstances in peace. The mind of Christ is eternal peace. To bring this mind of peace to man, the humiliation of Jesus began when he left the Father's glory. He was conceived of the Holy Spirit, clothed in flesh, born of a woman and this humiliation was completed with the shame and ignominy of his death on the cross. In meekness and gentleness, he submitted to death and reverently trusted his Father to raise him back up into glory. At no time in his earthly ministry did he covet power or status, but quietly and meekly gave honour and glory to his heavenly Father. He was then made both Lord and Christ and given dominion over all creation. Christ is the King of the kingdom of God and all things are subject to him except the One who subjected all things to him.

Jesus willingly laid down his life so that his life might be shared with those who believe. Knowing the Father and the Son is eternal life and all those that believe abide as living stones in his eternal kingdom. Jesus is the King of this kingdom and his disciples abide in a salvation yet to be revealed waiting patiently for the glory that will come.

Christ's kingdom is not of this world; which world? His kingdom is a heavenly invisible kingdom which we obtain by promise and behold by faith. The world that Jesus came to save, was a religious world that was totally inveigled by Satan and had so entrenched itself in "self-righteousness" that it used the laws that Moses received from God to crucify the Lord of Glory. The mind of Satan had corrupted the law of God instituted by Moses to such a degree it was used in envy to kill the holy one sent by God.

*We have a law and by this law he must die. Because he declared he was the Son of God. **John 19: 7.***

*Jesus said; My sheep hear my voice and a stranger they will not follow. In fact, they will run away because they do not recognise the strangers voice. **John 10: 5.*** The disciples of Jesus did not understand what he was telling them at that time. They ran away when Jesus was crucified because they listened to the stranger's voice. Satan had come to sift them as wheat, but Jesus had prayed that their faith would keep them whole. Faith which works by love and casts out all fear, caused them to return when they saw the risen Lord and they overcame the error and sin of unbelief.

Jesus had warned his disciples that his antagonists were of the world and his antagonists were the religious leaders. Though the law and the prophets were given by God, these ordained institutions and commands were corrupted and the interpretation of them had been so violated that all works now hindered people from entering into God's kingdom. Jesus was not here to destroy, but to fulfil the law and the prophets. Jesus would abolish temple worship as a righteous act because the abode of God was not now in the temples made by human hands. The Holy Spirit left the temple and entered into the hearts of obedient men and they were endured with power from on high. All the rituals and sacrifices were abolished as a pathway to forgiveness and reconciliation with the Father and one another. The true worshippers would now worship in spirit and in truth and the Father would seek out those that practiced this way of worship. Now the believer did not need a 24-piece orchestra to worship God, but would make melody in their heart, by

singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs whenever and wherever they might be. There was no need for a worship leader like in the temple precincts. Today all such practices in church rituals are borrowed from old covenants which were superseded by the new covenant in Christ. If any man be in Christ he is a new creation, the old things are passed away and all things are made new.

The true believer presents his own body by the mercies of God as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God on a daily basis, this is their spiritual act of worship. They do not conform any longer to the pattern of this religious world, but are transformed by the renewing of their mind. Then they are able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12: 2.**

History tells us that the naturally minded men of history who were deceived by the mind of Satan, abandoned the teachings of the Kingdom of God. These were authorities and powers of empirical forces, such as kings, rulers and military commanders who adopted "might is right" principles. They relied on institutional laws of rules and regulations to maintain their status. Much can be said of the adopted practices that are maintained in organised religion to this day, but this only engenders controversy and strife, true believers need none of this except to trust in Jesus. They are to live by faith and not by sight.

The kingdom of God does not operate like the world of corruption. The kingdom of God is one that has operated before the foundations of the world. The kingdom of God is not a temporary kingdom that comes and goes. The kingdom of God is the everlasting kingdom of love, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit and anyone who serves Christ in this manner are pleasing unto God and approved by men.

The kingdom of God was brought into this world by Jesus Christ who was sent by God the Father. Jesus was made in the likeness of sinful flesh but was so unlike Adam in purpose and nature. He did not let the weakness of the flesh yield to the temptation of the devil. By love for God the Father and love for the brethren he endured all temptations common to man and freely willingly obeyed his Father's commands and directions. In fact, he only did and said what he saw his Father say and do. Jesus who was without sin and for sin endured death even a humiliating death upon a cross to bring in the new order of relationship with God. He did this by faith that works by love. Only faith filled with the love of God will bring forth works that will endure the fires of judgement. Works that glorify Jesus are the works of God because they bring glory to the Father.

#### **John 6: 29**

*Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."*

Only Christ can bring the human soul into Christ's kingdom of eternal life.

Jesus on the cross brought to an end temple worship and ritualistic practices. The curtain in the temple was torn from top to bottom and the Holy Spirit departed at the exact same time Christ died on the cross. Every ordinance and practice required in the temple and synagogues was now obsolete. Carnal minded men brought these practices back into vogue around about the third century A.D. and these rules and regulations became common practice in places called cathedrals and churches and these traditions of men endure to this day.

Circumcision of the flesh was abolished as a sign of being a true worshipper of God. This practice is still a requirement of Jews and Muslims to this day. The ritual of circumcision was abandoned by Christ in accordance with the prophetic word of Jeremiah.

#### **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

<sup>31</sup> *"The time is coming," declares the Lord, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,"*

*declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the Lord. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the Lord. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”*

This prophecy was not only for the old covenant believers but was reiterated in full in the new covenant in the book of Hebrews. Some might say that this is only to the Jews.

### **Romans 2: 28-29**

*<sup>28</sup> A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. <sup>29</sup> No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is one of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the written code. Such a man’s praise is not from men but from God.*

### **Hebrews 8: 7-13**

*<sup>7</sup> For if there had been nothing wrong with the first covenant, no place would have been sort for another. <sup>8</sup> But God found fault and said to the people: “The time is coming declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>9</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand and led them out of Egypt, because they did not remain faithful to my covenant, and I turned away from them, declares the Lord. <sup>10</sup> This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the Lord. I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>11</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. <sup>12</sup> For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.” <sup>13</sup> By calling this covenant “new,” he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.*

The power of the new covenant was a covenant that circumcised the spiritual heart and mind and was not a circumcision of the flesh. This covenant is made and ratified between the Father and his Son Jesus. This covenant is ratified by the shed blood of Christ who is the High Priest of our confession.

The old covenant of law could not bring life, the new covenant brought a new law of life which was administered by a new high priest. **Hebrews 7: 12** *When there is a change of the priesthood there must also be a change of law.* This law in the new covenant is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus.

What is the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus?

This law is directly opposite to the spirit of the world, because the spirit of the world opposes everything that is good and Godly. The new law brings the spirit of liberty in Christ Jesus and the Lord is the Spirit. For freedom Christ Jesus has set us free, freedom from institutional forms of worship, freedom from the laws of the old covenants, freedom from Sabbath days and holy days. Every calendar day is a day to worship God because the day of the Lord is equivalent to the “new” day of the kingdom of God. To enter the kingdom of God through the new birth, clothed in the righteousness of Christ as a wedding garment, a sinner can experience the coming age through all the promises that are granted them by Christ Jesus. Because the kingdom of God is not of this world it is ethereal and invisible and can only be taken by faith in God’s logos Word. This is the logos Word that will never pass away, but endures forever. This logos Word is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. This logos Word was with God from the beginning. This logos Word was before this world fell into corruption. This logos Word loved us, was God and was not only the logos Word of creation, this logos Word was a Saviour, this logos Word was a Redeemer. This logos Word God described as “He”, in (John 1: 2) was in the beginning with God.

The Apostle John was very bold in describing this logos Word as the Word of life in **1 John 1: 1-4**.

<sup>1</sup> *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we*



*have looked at and our hands have touched – this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.*

This logos Word is the person of Jesus Christ and anyone who loves him and obeys him loves the Father. Those that love him will know the logos Word is true and this logos Word of Christ brings faith and this faith works by love. Any religious person or preacher that does not bring the truth of God's kingdom to the sinner and believer alike will never make disciples of men and nations for the kingdom of God. Anyone that wants to build their own kingdom or denomination will be a man pleaser and cast a shadow over the truth and nullify the power of God to grow "new creations" into being conformed to the image of Christ. A true preacher, teacher, pastor will always call a believer to follow Christ and to be taught of the Lord.

Jesus came into this corrupt world to reveal the Father and to destroy the works of the devil. The common church is rebuilding the things Jesus made obsolete by bringing doctrines and ideas that tickle the ears. They declare a second rate gospel which is not a gospel at all and millions are hindered from entering the kingdom of joy, and love of the truth.

The world that hated Jesus in his ministry was the Jewish religious world that was inveigled by Satan. Jesus' word had authority and it was penetrating the darkness of this religious world by exposing who was behind their institutions and practices. The priests and the teachers of the law declared if we do not stop him the whole world will go after him and the Romans will come and take away our place and nation. The hostility of this religious world was against Jesus throughout his ministry and continued on against the followers of Christ after Jesus was crucified. Stephen was stoned to death and Paul was beaten for his faith in Christ and his kingdom. Peter and John and other disciples were imprisoned and martyred for their faith by religious leaders. The list of believers in history who were persecuted, judged and damned by the church is endless. The institutional church has never repented of its misdeeds but goes on its merry way binding men to rules and regulations that don't bring life. It continues to cover up its sins with self-righteous attitudes of superiority instead of meekness and humility.

The world of Satan is ruled by superiority, empirical practices and is dominated by worldly dependence on mammon. This religious world which rules to this very day operates by Satan's rule of "might is right" and power of the strong over the weak. These are not the laws that govern the kingdom of Christ. The laws of the Spirit of life in Christ's kingdom are meekness and mercy, truth and love, faith and worship from the heart. The weak, the lowly, the marginalised, the humble, the rejected are invited to enter Christ's kingdom. The laws of the kingdom of Christ are the same laws that Christ demonstrated towards the rulers of the world when they came into agreement to crucify and nullify his love. Herod and Pontius Pilate were friends that day. The religious leaders of the Jews were in agreement with the Romans and justice and truth were given a blindfold the day Jesus was crucified. Jesus submitted to these authorities in love and forgiveness because the power of humble love is the only power that can overcome the sin of the corrupt world.

### **1 Corinthians 15: 56**

*The sting of death is sin and power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God he gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.*

Jesus brought the knowledge of the glory of the kingdom of God into this earth and the nature of this kingdom is the obedience of faith in love to all. This was demonstrated by Jesus when he went to the cross. He was crucified in weakness but was raised by the power of God. Any power that raises itself above Christ crucified on the cross, is false religion which breeds false hope and the people perish.

The cross was the termination of every religious practice or moral judgement that hindered us coming to the Father and his throne of grace where the mercy seat resides.

Paul preached nothing but Christ crucified.

Jesus closed the door to hell fire and the second death for those that obey him. Jesus opened the door to eternal life to all who would obey his voice and follow him. Jesus warned that our own ideas and the demand of religious practices and the power of “men pleasing” would cause us to stumble and hinder us from entering God’s kingdom.

#### **Galatians 6: 14**

*May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.*

The world that Paul is speaking of in the above scripture, is the religious world that demanded obedience to temple worship, the law, the circumcision of the flesh and the Sabbath holy days instead of faith in Christ alone who was the fulfilment of all these practices.

The servant Paul got it right when he said in **Philippians 3: 7-11**.

*<sup>7</sup> But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish that I might gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ – the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so somehow, to attain to his resurrection from the dead.*

Paul wanted to be conformed to the Son of God’s love and everything else was counted as a loss. Paul who was arrogant and violently opposed to the gospel who also was once totally blinded to the true practice and worship of the divine God, so much so that he thought that hating and killing believers in Christ was serving God.

Many today, who believe they are forgiven by God still hold unforgiveness and resentment towards blinded sinners and other believers, a practice that hinders their entrance to Christ’s kingdom. Many hold on to their denominational standing as a privilege and a blessing that relieves them from the truth of Jesus’ teachings. They would never miss a prayer meeting, a church service or their tithing practices, yet will hold grudges and unforgiveness in an unyielded heart. Appearing righteous before men is more important to them than suffering persecution for obedience to Christ’s teaching. The devil will give you all the glory of this corrupt world in exchange for your soul.

#### **Mark 8: 31-38**

*<sup>31</sup> He then began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three day’s rise again. <sup>32</sup> He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup> When Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. “Get behind me, Satan!” he said. “You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” <sup>34</sup> Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life (soul) will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. <sup>36</sup> What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? <sup>37</sup> Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? <sup>38</sup> If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”*

When Peter rebuked Jesus he was speaking out of fear toward the religious men of his day. We must also give up the fear of religious men and follow Christ alone and put our trust in him implicitly.

The adulterous and sinful generation that Jesus spoke of included the elders, chief priests, teachers of the law, Pharisees and Sadducees who loved the praises of men rather than the praise of God. This adulterous and sinful generation is with us today and are not servants of Christ.

#### **Luke 16: 13-16**

<sup>13</sup> *“No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”* <sup>14</sup> *The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus.* <sup>15</sup> *He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God’s sight.”* <sup>16</sup> *The law and the prophets were proclaimed until John. Since that time, the good news of the kingdom of God is being preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.”*

This adulterous and sinful generation is with us today and religious leaders are inveigled with the same lies and lusts of the corrupt world. – The cravings of sinful man, the lusts of the eyes, the boasting of what he has and does, the love of money and covetousness.

The cravings of sinful man, the boasting of what he has and does, their empire building, the love of money and covetousness comes from the corrupt world. These practices have so polluted the gospel message that many have turned away from the truth. Many leaders fall from grace but still pine for the false glory days they achieved through their worldly endeavours. They are ignorant of the fact that it is God causing them to forsake these practices and to firstly seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness. To desire false glory will eventually turn you away from the truth.

Repentance from dead works and faith toward God are listed as the first principles of Christ. **Hebrews 6: 1.** The dead works are the practices Jesus abolished through his death on the cross.

#### **Colossians 2: 14-15**

<sup>14</sup> *Having cancelled the written code (law) with its regulations that was against us and that stood opposed to us, he took it away, nailing it to the cross.* <sup>15</sup> *And having disarmed the powers and authorities he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.*

Even though we emphasise these sins and misdemeanours, all sins against the Son of Man can be forgiven, but blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. To refuse the Holy Spirit’s guidance into the truth leaves no hope.

The Holy Spirit leads us to Christ and teaches our heart to call Jesus Christ our Lord and writes the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus upon our hearts and minds. We are to pray for his help and ask that his kingdom come and his will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We are to pray this without ceasing.

To ask and it will be given, seek and you shall find.

Knock and it will be opened unto you.

Seek first the Kingdom of God and all things will open unto you.

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