

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.

**Jesus said; “My sheep hear my voice and a stranger they will not follow”.**

Dear friends,

Though we are in the world, by the grace and mercy of God we are not of it. Through our first parent’s disobedience we and all creation were plunged into a world of good and evil, but in Christ we overcome this beguiling world of darkness and lurking shadows through obedience to the truth.

Many Christians live in a perplexed political world where the words of powerful rulers are believed to be relied upon as the truth. Only those who trust in the Lord with all their heart, soul and mind can escape the deceivers who live by the world’s practices of Mithras and mammon (empirical power and love of money). The promises that the rulers of the world proclaim are akin to building a house on shifting sand which has the appearance of substance, but after time is found to be unstable, hollow and false. Through the essence of time these promises fade away and all the glorious dreams of brighter tomorrow’s turn out to be a repetition of yesterday, even filled with greater fears, terrors, homelessness, famine, racism and religious hatred. The world has seen the despotic rulers like Hitler, Idi Amin and Pol Pot rise and fall, yet it has never learnt that the same rhetoric of lies and deception are being propagated by rulers and leaders in our present day. These rulers who lie, cheat and murder are warmongers at heart, yet they are followed blindly by the masses who are devoid of a true shepherd. Humanity is like a flock of sheep without a true Shepherd for their leadership. Unfortunately, many so called rulers and leaders in the religious realm are cohorts to these despisers of the truth and glibly condone this wrongful behaviour. This occurs in both autocratic and democratic political arena’s.

The scripture declares in **James 1: 19-25**

<sup>19</sup> *My dear brothers, take note of this:*

*Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry. <sup>20</sup> For man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. <sup>21</sup> Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the WORD planted in you, which can save you. <sup>22</sup> Do not merely listen to the WORD and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. <sup>23</sup> Anyone who listens to the WORD but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror <sup>24</sup> and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. <sup>25</sup> But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it – he will be blessed in what he does.*

We must not only read the word, we must interpret it correctly and not forget what is intended by its instruction. Then in patience and faith we must continue in it and not forget what it says. The simplest way to achieve this is to keep our minds stayed on him and remember Jesus is Lord.

When any man operates in anger, it does not bring about the righteous life God requires. The only way we can be released from the nature of the old carnally minded man is to be born again from above and live in kingdom reality of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, and those that serve Christ in this manner are pleasing to God and approved by men.

The old carnal nature of the adamic man has a double mind of good and evil and tries to decipher life with a defective compass. Mankind desperately needs God’s wisdom.

This wisdom of God is first pure, then peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peace makers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness. This wisdom is personified completely and fully in the Lord Jesus Christ. This nature is granted to the true believer through

Christ Jesus who is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin nature of the world. The whole world lies in wickedness and those that live by the “double mind” instead of through the mind of Christ, receive nothing from the Lord.

The world operates out of a wisdom that does not come from God, but operates from a different source.

The source of this “wisdom” does not come down from heaven, but is earthly, unspiritual and of the devil. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. (James 3: 15-16).

The proof that the rulers of this age have not submitted to Christ Jesus is by their words, actions and methods. They defy the teaching of Christ and the Holy Spirit. One must die to this world with its practices and methods then submit all to Jesus to experience the reality of truth that overcomes the present evil age.

The generation that defies the truth that is in Jesus is scripturally defined and described as an adulterous generation. The seeds of this adulterous generation spawn the anti-Christ and anti-God lies that are spewed out into the world today as conspiracy theories and other God defying teachings.

Only those who die to the world and submit to God the Father and receive Jesus Christ as sovereign Lord through the Holy Spirit can know the truth and be set free. Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. Love and truth will always overcome evil no matter what present appearances may project. Failure is not in God’s articles of faith. The end is always better than the beginning. Evil will be overcome by the good that is produced by truth.

#### **James 4: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup> *What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you?*  
<sup>2</sup> *You want something but don’t get it. YOU KILL AND COVET, but you cannot have what you want. You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup> When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. <sup>4</sup> You ADULTEROUS PEOPLE, DON’T YOU KNOW THAT FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD IS HATRED TOWARD GOD? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup> Or do you think the scripture says without reason that the Spirit he caused to live in us envies intensely. <sup>6</sup> But he gives us more grace. That is why the scripture says “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble”.*

This is how we can discern those who serve God and his purposes and those who serve themselves. We can see through the eyes of the Holy Spirit those who serve God and those that are inveigled by Satan. Our duty is not to judge and condemn but to pray for their salvation.

We must be like Jesus and walk in his “WAY” even when we are tempted to follow the mind of the flesh, we must stop making up excuses for our weaknesses that cause us to submit to the world and continue to operate in the realm of good and evil. By faith we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

#### **1 John 2: 15-18**

<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 his eyes and the BOASTING of what he HAS or 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. <sup>18</sup> Dear children this is the last hour, and as you have heard the anti-Christ is coming, even now many anti-Christ’s have come and this is how we know it is the last hour.*

The anti-Christ’s have already come and brought, lies, destruction and every evil type of disorder, they compound sin upon sin but Christ compounds faith upon faith. We can be like Jesus who did not entrust himself to the wisdom and knowledge of men, but put his trust and hope in God alone.

## **John 2: 24-25**

<sup>24</sup> *But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all men.* <sup>25</sup> *He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in man.*

In this present evil age many things are presented to us in the guise of a messenger of light, but this leads to the wide road of destruction and the traffic on this road is heavy and only leads to death. Jesus instructs and draws us with all his heart and strength to enter the straight gate that leads to the path of life which grows brighter and brighter until that perfect day. This is the glorious day when the faithful will see and be known as they are known. When we see him we will be like him and he by his glorious power will transform our lowly bodies so they will be like his glorious body. Oh what hope divine, what love divine, what a divine future awaits those that give up all and follow Jesus the Christ into the regeneration.

## **Philippians 3: 21**

*Who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.*

The world of religion and the world of politics cannot bring you into the Kingdom of God, only faith in Jesus Christ can bring this reality home to the seeking heart. Jesus said; "Fear not I have overcome the world". Only those that follow Jesus can comprehend that human pride and arrogance spew forth the fears and dangers that promise false hopes and futures. It may seem daunting to a disciple of Christ to understand how they can overcome the wicked one and the evils of this world when they are surrounded by a cacophony of voices that say "there is another way on how to fulfil life".

The truth of the gospel must be understood as the redemption of all things that belong to God. This redemption includes all authority and power being restored to God's sovereignty and the elimination of all corruption and sin. Sin and its consequence brought corruption and evil into this world and Jesus must reign until all things are restored and put under his feet. All things, does not include Him who is the Creator of all things. God the Father will then be presented with a creation without spot or wrinkle through the Son of his love – Jesus. To diminish Christ Jesus in any shape or form in the redemption process and lessen his glory is to be a thief and a robber and openly display the attributes of an anti-Christ. The process of redemption is displayed in three realms – firstly in Jesus, secondly in the born again believer and thirdly in all of creation. The victory in any one of these categories is a victory in all three areas.

To explain this, the victory over the world and the beginning of redemption was fulfilled in Jesus and he is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. All things are under his feet and even though we don't see and understand his fulfilled victory, we are encouraged not to look at what we see, but to look to Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith. Jesus fought the battle against the corrupt world, sin and the devil alone and paid the penalty for sin which is death and overcame it by His resurrection into eternal life. By one man all evil was overcome by the resurrection of Christ Jesus. His victory became our victory, because the realm of death was powerless to hold the author of life. We and all creation were released from bondage to corruption and decay through the work of Jesus on the cross.

When we put our faith in Jesus Christ we partake of his resurrection victory which not only gains our victory, but gains victory over all creation which was subjected in hope. Jesus' victory over all things gains us the victory over our own redemption as well as victory over all corrupted creation. Though this is an all-inclusive offer of redemption, it excludes those who willingly reject Jesus as Lord and the Christ.

So the answer for the believer is not to look at the world as it appears to be, but to look at it through the eyes of faith. A single person as a faithful Jesus disciple is now not crushed and weighed down by corrupted institutional forces, disobedient authorities plus the overwhelming burden of conformation to the worldly masses and satanic opposition. We are not fighting a war against impossible odds, but are fighting a war of faith with Jesus Christ as the head. This is a battle that Jesus has already won. Christ now comes to us as Lord

of all and we appear in his presence in love, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. This seen world is not our home, we are pilgrims that travel through it with a vibrant testimony that what Jesus has accomplished is our fullness of redemption over all corruption and sin of this world. We endure all things through faith knowing we will possess the new heavens and the new earth which is created in holiness and truth.

Jesus said; “Fear not, let not your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; TRUST ALSO IN ME. In my Father’s house are many rooms, if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may also be where I am”.

Dear reader and friend, are you living by faith in Christ? Have you divested yourself of corrupted fleshly ideas and intentions and are you now living in anticipation of the appearing of the Lord? If not, therefore strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees and make level paths for your feet and seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Once the Lord of glory fought the battle alone and defeated the corruption of the world and won the battle for us. No longer do we fight the good fight of faith alone, we have the help of a comforter the Holy Spirit. The life we live in the flesh we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and died for us. No longer does the true believer stand and fight alone against the mass might of powerful institutions and forces that don’t seem to get lesser in corruption and evil. Their might and power seems to increase in strength and the ability to create fear, panic and disaster. The truth that is in Christ can and will fortify your mind, soul and heart if you allow the Holy Spirit to be your teacher, counsellor and guide.

Let us take heart in the words of the apostle Paul and observe the nature and methods he adopted to combat insurmountable odds.

## **2 Corinthians 10: 1-6**

*<sup>1</sup> By the meekness and the gentleness of Christ – I appeal to you – I Paul, who am “timid” when face to face with you but “bold” when away! <sup>2</sup> I beg you that when I come I may not have to be as bold as I expect to be toward some people who think that we live by the standards of this world. <sup>3</sup> For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary they have divine power to demolish strongholds. <sup>5</sup> We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. <sup>6</sup> And we will be ready to punish every act of disobedience, once your obedience is complete.*

The weapons that the believer uses in the battle are the weapons that are not in Satan’s armoury. These weapons are truth, obedience to God, meekness, gentleness, humility and faith that works by love, joy in trials, righteousness through the Spirit of Christ. Laying down your life for others to grow in grace, is the crown of life.

Paul came to these believers in meekness and gentleness and was timid when face to face, but bold in his letters. His emphasis is; don’t be fooled by his meek attitude while preaching the truth, he would be bold in his assertion that the gospel authority was not weak because of his timidness, but has a strength to build up and not tear down. But this authority to bring the truth to a human heart required a discipline and obedience not to the world and its ways, but obedience to Christ. Paul who acknowledged that he had been a violent and forceful man but had now forsaken pride, arrogance, fear, force and violence as the way to enforce the law of God. Only the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from the law of sin and death.

Any religion or political will that resorts to ungodly methods is not from heaven but comes from the corrupted heart of man that has not allowed the Lamb of God to subdue their lusts for power and authority. This false glory gains the praise of men and not the approval of God. God’s will has not yet reached into the dark crevices of the heart. The political rulers of the world may appear to come from God and may appeal

that their God is their guide. But the question must be asked; which God are they serving and worshipping? Their fruit will reveal which tree they eat from. A bad tree cannot bear good fruit and a good tree cannot bear bad fruit.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil will bear the fruit of the double mind that confuses masses of people. The double mind confuses evil with good and good with evil. This unregenerate heart and mind is open to temptation which lures the lust of men's desires to manifest. These hidden dormant desires lurk in all unfaithful, unrighteous men and manifest as lies, disorder, destruction, death, murder and warmongering etc. The axe must be laid to this tree!

The good tree only bears good fruit and it is the tree of life. This tree of life is in the paradise of God and all overcomers can eat freely from this tree. This tree of life is now made available to the true seeker who loves the appearing presence of Jesus. This tree of life is guarded by cherubim and a flaming flashing sword to protect the way of life. (Genesis 3: 24) God knows who the overcomers are and who belongs to Jesus.

### **Revelation 2: 7**

*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the called out ones. To him who overcomes I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.*

Dear Friend and believer, are you united by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? Does his word abide in you and do you abide in his word? Do you overcome the world by faith in Jesus? Does Christ live in your heart by faith? The proclamation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ and his kingdom, is the message that brings good news.

As it is written in **Romans 10: 15.**

*"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news".*

Wisdom cries out in the book of Proverbs.

### **Proverbs 8: 7-9, 13.**

*<sup>7</sup> My mouth speaks what is true, for my lips detest wickedness. <sup>8</sup> All the words of my mouth are just; none of them is crooked or perverse. <sup>9</sup> To the discerning all of them are right, they are faultless to those who have knowledge. <sup>13</sup> To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behaviour and perverse speech.*

### **Proverbs 13: 10**

*Pride only breeds quarrels, but wisdom is found in those who take advice.*

When we look out into the world, we see the corruption of the powerful and the contempt and violence of the mighty with its trickle-down effect into the streets. Knives, guns and shootings are everyday occurrences. Mental health and family violence are maladies that are common happenings that perplex and worry the normal person. Wars and fighting's between nations are never ending and the peace they seek evades them.

Though gross darkness blankets the earth, the gospel of Christ and his kingdom must be preached to the whole world before the end will come.

What is seen is not the truth, what is unseen is what will come to pass. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and he that believeth in him will reap eternal life. We may be stretched and tempted beyond endurance, but Jesus has put his trust in us that faith will keep us whole and he will make a way of escape. Jesus is our escape out of darkness into the light.

Jesus' promise is "Fear not for I will never leave you nor forsake you".

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