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We as servants of Christ and ambassadors of his Kingdom would like to remind you of our ministry here at Church Built of Living Stones. It is a ministry of reconciliation given to us by our Father. Our instruction is not to teach you the things of God in rules and regulations, but to encourage you that the only one who can teach you of the Father is Jesus Christ and he will do this by the power of his word and Spirit. Our teaching ministry towards you is for you to trust that you can be taught of the Lord and that you need no man to mediate between God and yourself except the man Christ Jesus.

This may be daunting to you at the beginning, but it will eventually release you into God's Holy Kingdom from which you will never wish to depart. The attacks and slanders will be immense and will continue until the last enemy is overcome.

But fear not the Lord will be on your side. (Read Psalm 124).

The Kingdom of God is like leaven or yeast in a lump of dough and it is growing and advancing throughout the earth and will bear fruit to God's glory. We are saying that Christ is building his Kingdom and its inhabitants are as living stones built up to be a holy habitation for God. We will never have a bricks and mortar building. We do not solicit money to spread the good news. At the same time, we encourage giving to the poor in spirit, by this we mean give your whole life to Christ and his Kingdom and you will see the salvation of God in effect. Our endeavour is to see God's people go forth and proclaim Jesus and Christ's Kingdom without the restrictions of denominational power overriding them.

Everyman in the body of Christ Jesus has a purpose and can go forth in the power of God's Spirit with a new tongue and prophecy. The new tongue is the Gospel and the Spirit of Prophecy is the Lord Jesus Christ. They tell the world that God the Father is not holding their sins and lawlessness against them and that he grants them the Holy Spirit to guide and lead them into all truth.

The Holy Spirit leads them to Jesus and Jesus teaches them all things of the Father.

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### May His Kingdom come

We cry out in the wilderness of this present evil age amid the hindering religions of this world to the seeker, the broken hearted, the captives, the bound, the sick, the down trodden, the voiceless and those that live in darkness who see a great light – look up for your King comes. His name is Jesus and he brings a Kingdom which encompasses all the glories of the coming age. Seek and you shall find, ask and it will be given you, knock and it will be opened unto you. He will grant those that seek first his Kingdom riches of glory that this world knows nothing about. He comes not for the righteous but 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.

**PREPARE, PREPARE, AGAIN I SAY PREPARE**

**1 Corinthians 8: 5-6**

*"There are many 'gods' and many 'lords' - yet for us there is one  
God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist  
and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist."*

**Luke 12: 35-37**

*"Let your loins be girded and your lamps burning,  
and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home  
from the marriage feast, so that they may open to him at once when he comes and knocks.  
Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes;  
truly, I say to you, he will gird himself and have them sit at table and come and serve them".*

**Psalm 91**

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| <p><sup>1</sup> He who dwells in the shelter of the<br/>Most High<br/>will rest in the shadow of the<br/>Almighty.<br/><sup>2</sup> I will say of the LORD,<br/>"He is my refuge and my fortress,<br/>my God, in whom I trust."<br/><sup>3</sup> Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare<br/>and from the deadly pestilence.<br/><sup>4</sup> He will cover you with his feathers,<br/>and under his wings you will find refuge;<br/>his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.<br/><sup>5</sup> You will not fear the terror of night,<br/>nor the arrow that flies by day,<br/><sup>6</sup> nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,<br/>nor the plague that destroys at midday.<br/><sup>7</sup> A thousand may fall at your side,<br/>ten thousand at your right hand,<br/>but it will not come near you.<br/><sup>8</sup> You will only observe with your eyes<br/>and see the punishment of the wicked.</p> | <p><sup>9</sup> If you make the Most High your dwelling<br/>even the Lord, who is my refuge -<br/><sup>10</sup> then no harm will befall you,<br/>no disaster will come near your tent.<br/><sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you<br/>to guard you in all your ways;<br/><sup>12</sup> they will lift you up in their hands,<br/>so that you will not strike your foot against a<br/>stone.<br/><sup>13</sup> You will tread upon the lion and the cobra;<br/>you will trample the great lion and the serpent.<br/><sup>14</sup> "Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will<br/>rescue him;<br/>I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.<br/><sup>15</sup> He will call upon me, and I will answer him;<br/>I will be with him in trouble,<br/>I will deliver him and honour him.<br/><sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him<br/>and show him my salvation."</p> |
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Dear Friends,

Where do we start to gain understanding of what is happening in our lives at this time? It appears that the Covid 19 virus has taken complete hold of our way of life. Yes, the fight to control the virus has taken precedence over all the normal practices that kept stability in our way of living. We find new laws are made that restrict our normal “modus operandi”.

Though these changes are for our good yet we do not find one size fits all. Not every law change creates equality especially around the border areas of the State. These are certainly trying times. So how can we gain comprehension of what is happening in our lives that will bring a peace beyond understanding.

The answer is always found in the most obvious of places, yet it is likely the most overlooked answer.

The answer is never found in the wisdom of this world, but in a wisdom that is beyond this world. This wisdom which is pure is found in Jesus and in him alone.

Many will argue against this statement and claim that belief in Christ is no answer at all.

Human pride and rebellion against God has always been a stumbling block, we must remember that in the times we are experiencing now, the symptoms of the deadly disease of unbelief will always come to the fore. The Christian is warned to prepare for times of trouble.

If the believer is slack in times of peace and does not prepare for the wrath that is to come, they may be caught up in the ways of the wicked and die “in sin” like the wayward prophet Balaam. The scripture declares when the world cries “peace, peace” sudden destruction will come.

#### **John 14: 27**

Jesus said:

*“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”.*

Jesus gave these words to his disciples while he was still with them, but he was warning them of what lay ahead. Jesus was declaring that troublesome times lay ahead, but they would receive a counsellor from heaven that the Father would send in his name.

What was the trouble that lay ahead of these disciples?

The one whom they had trusted and whom they had given up everything for was going to be unjustly slain by every natural institutional force that ruled upon the earth. The Lamb of God, the Son of God, was going to be crucified on Calvary.

The judgements of the world were declaring the humble carpenter from Galilee was not the Messiah and was worthy of death. The disciple’s hopes were dashed, they now felt abandoned and each disciple fled into his own state of misery and defeat, knowing they could be the next to be slain.

Do you feel crushed by the circumstances of life – do you think that Jesus is not the answer for everything? Do you side with the unbeliever and deny Jesus’ deity and power?

Jesus spoke to his disciples while he was with them and he promised peace to them.

(All promises are not only to the twelve, but are promises to us).

After saying this, one of the great mysteries of Christian faith was promised to his disciples in the gospel of John.

## **John 14: 25-26**

*<sup>25</sup> All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*

In our preparatory text of Psalm 91, we find the promises of God to all those who put their complete trust in the Almighty. These promises are for you.

When are we to put our trust in Jesus? We trust Jesus when everything is stable and appears to be on an even keel. Why?

Because in this world we will have tribulation and the wrath of God comes upon all who hold the truth in ungodliness. If this is the case, what hope do we have in this world?

Our hope has to be in Jesus, for he is the one appointed by God to take away our sin and the fear of being condemned with the world in death.

We can always encourage and exhort people to put their trust in Jesus, but we can never put a square peg in a round hole. We cannot make them believe! We must be ever thankful to what God has given us and always be humble and be merciful to the unrighteous ways that are apparent in the unfaithful and the unbeliever. May by the grace and mercy of God they turn to Christ.

We preach that the way of the Cross is the way of the Master. The Master's way is a way of wisdom in humility. This wisdom is knowing that the nature of the Lamb is the way of the Lord. The way of the Lord is liberty and if the Son sets you free, you will be free in deed. Free to have the nature of the Lamb of God in every deed we do. This nature of the Lamb of God is the miracle of God that takes away the sin of the world. If this nature is not divinely given to you, then the sin of the world remains in you. We must seek first the Kingdom of God and Christ will come and make his abode in us and we will be forever with the Lord and he with us.

Men's hearts will fail them through fear of things coming upon the earth. Through Jesus, the Spirit that is given us is not a spirit of fear.

## **2 Timothy 1: 7**

*For God did not give us a spirit of fear, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline.*

Fear has torment, but love casts out all fear.

## **1 John 4: 18**

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

There has only been one person that has walked on this earth in perfect love. That person is the Lord Jesus Christ. So it behoves us to walk with Jesus in faith, trust and love.

Why do men always resist the Spirit that teaches that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life?

The true answer to this question is they walk in the arrogance of their own pride.

You may be a President, a pastor, a good person, a prophet, you might know all mysteries and if you don't have love you are a "resounding gong" or a "clanging cymbal". These are false rulers, false prophets, false teachers and false shepherds. So let us all get off our high horse of importance and humbly walk in meekness and total dependence of our God, knowing that "all things work together for good for those that LOVE HIM, who have been called according to his purpose."

## **Romans 8: 28**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

We will never be freed from our problem unless we recognise we have a problem.

What is the problem?

The problem is we fall short of loving as Jesus loved. How can this problem be overcome? This sin must be confessed as a blindness that cannot be overcome by works of wisdom created by human resources.

This problem of blindness to know the truth can only be overcome by faith and trust in Jesus, and allowing Christ to rule in our heart by faith.

Christ must abide and remain in our hearts, minds and thoughts even in the most difficult of circumstances.

We must not rush to Egypt (the world) for help and strength like the puppet King Zedekiah did when the Babylonians were descending upon Jerusalem and besieging it.

We must look to the true King of our lives who has all power and authority over all the works of the enemy.

As I wrote before, it is difficult to call on your faith in a time of need when we have not put our trust and faith in the Lord Jesus when times are easy. John the Baptist cried "prepare the way of the Lord", yet this message had been proclaimed 750 years beforehand by Isaiah.

### **Isaiah 40: 3**

*A voice of one calling:*

*"In the desert prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God."*

In every generation from the beginning of creation the message has been the same.

Whether it be by angels, holy men, prophets, kings or Kingdom seekers, the message is the same.

### **Prepare, Prepare, Prepare.**

Are you prepared for the coming of the Lord or have you no oil in your lamp? Do you snigger at the things of God and treat them lightly?

My blunt advice to you is give up your arrogance of idolatry and humble yourselves and see that the blind lead the blind and they all fall into the ditch.

Stop thinking more highly of yourself and walk humbly before God. Live in the measure of faith God has given you, submit to all men and ONLY put your trust in Jesus. Only follow the one who never sinned.

Everyman will be accountable to God for what he has done in the body.

The call of God in this hour is to present your body as a living sacrifice unto God and live totally in repentance from dead works that do not minister grace and mercy to all; even our enemies.

Fear not them that can destroy the body, but fear him who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell.

Our words and actions must be to encourage all to trust in the Lord with all their heart and lean not on their own understanding. There cannot be an action without an actor. What type of actor are you?

With this in mind, we encourage all to live for and in Christ.

Prepare your hearts and minds remembering we have the Holy Spirit of God living in us. He is our teacher so we have no need for anyone else to teach us the truth.

Only he that is of the truth can teach us truth.

Paul claimed he was not taught by man, but was taught by God. So what is the message that Peter and Paul teach?

The message is the same message as that of Jeremiah 31: 34.

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

*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 is the same message that the writer of the book of Hebrews declared.

#### **Hebrews 8: 10-12**

<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 a 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.*

And the Holy Spirit testifies.

#### **Hebrews 10: 15-17**

<sup>15</sup> *The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:*  
<sup>16</sup> *“This is the covenant I will make with them  
after that time, says the Lord.  
I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”*  
<sup>17</sup> *Then he adds:*  
*“Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more.*

Will you resist the Holy Spirit?

Are you prepared to live a life where you are taught by the Lord? The reward is great when you no longer trust in the arm of the flesh.

We close off this message with the words of scripture text, beginning at:

#### **1 Corinthians 1: 17**

*For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the gospel – not with words of human wisdom,  
lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.*

These words were the words of the Apostle Paul to the divided assembly of believers in Corinth who were carnal, immature Christians.

The lesson to us is, are we children of the promise or are we children of the traditions and teachings of men.

Read the following passages of scripture with clarity and ask the Holy Spirit to quicken them to your heart and mind.

### **1 Corinthians 1: 17-31**

*<sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For it is written:*

*“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”*

*<sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the scholar? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand miraculous signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than man’s wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man’s strength.*

*<sup>26</sup> Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”*

### **1 Corinthians 2: 1-5**

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

May God enrich your walk of humility and trust in Jesus.

May he strengthen you by the Holy Spirit and prepare your heart to stand against all the power of the enemy.

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