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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 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"*. 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.

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

*16 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. 17 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." 18 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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December 2020 Message

The Word of the Lord endures forever

Isaiah 32: 18

*The fruit of righteousness will be peace;
The effect of righteousness will be
quietness and confidence forever.
My people will live in peaceful dwelling places;
in undisturbed places of rest.*

Isaiah 33: 5-6

*The Lord is exalted, for he dwells on high;
He will fill Zion with justice and righteousness.
He will be the sure foundation for
your times,
A rich store of salvation and wisdom and knowledge;
The fear of the Lord is the key
to this treasure.*

Isaiah 33: 24

*No one living in Zion will say
"I am ill";
and the sins of those who dwell there
will be forgiven.*

Isaiah 35: 8-10

*And a highway will be there; it will
be called the Way of Holiness.
The unclean will not journey on it;
It will be for those who walk in that
WAY;
Wicked fools will not go about on it.
No lion will be there,
Nor will any ferocious beast get up on it;
They will not be found there.
But only the redeemed will walk there,
And the ransomed of the Lord will return,
They will enter Zion with singing;
Everlasting joy will crown their heads.
Gladness and joy will overtake them,
And sorrow and sighing will flee away.*

Dear Friends,

The above scriptures are drawn from the writings of Isaiah the faithful prophet of yesteryear. These scriptures are worthy of our deepest thoughts and meditation because they are as relevant today as in the day that the prophet proclaimed them, because as it says in the scripture "He will be a sure foundation for your time". The prophetic voice is as loud and clear now as it was then. Jesus said "my sheep hear my voice and a stranger they will not follow". God's promise is one that is steadfast and true and he knows his Word commands a blessing. When he said: "hide my word in your heart and sin not", he knows it will benefit us. Jesus said; "My word is truth" and that he was "the way, the truth and the life". To hide the word in your heart is to believe all God said through his prophets and ultimately believe in Jesus as the living Word. How great is the word of the prophet Isaiah when we can believe that God's words can give us strength and understanding. They are not just poetic literature and natural encouragement, but are the wisdom of God. This wisdom is first pure, peace loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit and sincere. Peacemakers who sow this word in peace, raise a harvest of righteousness (James 3: 17-18).

Jesus is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. (1 Corinthians 1: 30). Jesus is the wisdom of God made flesh.

(Isaiah 55: 11-12) God has promised the word of the prophet will not return to him void, but will accomplish what he desires and achieve the purpose for which he sent it.

Every word spoken by a true prophet of God was to herald and exalt the one who had been hidden from the beginning of time.

(1 Corinthians 2: 6-7) ⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the fulfilment of every prophetic word.

The Apostle Paul wrote explaining that God's people had a zeal for God that was not based on knowledge or in other words was based on the traditions of men.

(Romans 10: 1-11) ¹ Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ² For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³ Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. ⁴ Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. ⁵ Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹ That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with your heart

that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹ As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.

And again Isaiah is very bold when he said: “My word has gone out into all the world”.

(Romans 10: 20-21) ²⁰ And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.” ²¹ But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.”

The question remains; are we the people of the way or have we returned to the world to receive the evidence of Christ’s ruling power? Do we honour God with our lips but our hearts are far from him? Do we accept the praises of men rather than the praise and honour that comes from God only?

Is it to us more important to be member of the “frozen chosen” or to be united in faith (which works by love) into the family or body of Christ. Do we hold unforgiveness and resentment in our hearts that takes root and allows bitterness to nullify God’s power in our life. Is our “natural life” the ruling umpire instead of the life of Christ that is full of mercy, grace and love?

Israel had fallen to the demands of the “fallen one” and had allowed the voice of the stranger to nullify the voice of the “risen one”.

Adam and Eve listened to the “fallen angel” (Satan) and took on his persona and lived in a fallen state. Men and women today have “fallen” into the trap of the “fallen one” and live for the honour that the world gives. This prestige, money and power nullify the glory, power and honour that should only be given to Christ and his way.

The straight gate and the narrow way are still the road that leads to life and is still the walk commanded by the living Lord. We are to walk in the light as he is in the light.

Through Christ and him alone is the only way that fallen man can rise out of their dead estate. The Lamb of God is the only way and the only one who can take away the sin of the world.

Unless we humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God and meekly trust his way is the right way, we will not inherit what Christ Jesus has gained for us. Only the meek will inherit the earth and only the humble inherit Christ’s kingdom.

We need not wait until we are perfect, but by faith receive what Christ has accomplished for us.

Even King David of old becomes a threefold witness of the truth that God is sovereign Lord over all the affairs of heaven and earth.

(Romans 11: 8-10) ⁸ As it is written: “God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day.” ⁹ And David says: May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. ¹⁰ May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent.

So sobering are these words that they can cause us to be like Paul when he preached to the Corinthians.

(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 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 and 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.

Paul in his humility and weakness knew he was accountable for every word he spoke. In awesome fear of God, he allowed the Holy Spirit to do the work in the hearts of sinful men. He realised his accountability was to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God and let the wisdom and power of God to work in operation as the Holy Spirit willed.

In this day and age man's natural teachings have diminished the power of God's Spirit and negated the word of God so much that philosophy and psychology now rule from the pulpits and the word is of no effect. They attempt to renovate the old man and deny the power of the new creation. If any man be in Christ he is a new creation, the former way of doing things is gone and it is now a new and living way.

The Holy Spirit can and will work in wondrous ways when we dismount from our "high horses" of denominational superiority, arrogance and pride and let the lamb of God take the sin of the world from our hearts.

God is moving by his Spirit throughout the whole world bringing the knowledge of the glory of God which is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ.

(Zechariah 4: 6) It is not by might, not by power but by my Spirit says the Lord.

God the Father has revealed himself to mankind not as an abstract entity, but has revealed himself to us through his son Jesus Christ. Christ Jesus is alive and will come to us and strengthen us to believe. The only requirement needed from us is to call upon his name. We now have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. When this happens we go from living on shifting sand to being planted upon the rock which is Christ.

(Jeremiah 33: 2-3) ² "This is what the Lord says, he who made the earth, the Lord who formed it and established it – the Lord is his name: (Jesus is Lord). ³ 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

Everyone who calls upon the Lord will be saved.

Deliverance from sin and the bondage of corruption is the promise to every man, woman and child in this generation. Don't let pride and unbelief keep you from having a personal relationship with the one who created you and who will redeem you.

Only a fool says in his heart there is no God and the way of a fool seems right to him, but a wise man listens to advice. (Proverbs).

God is continually calling us out of darkness into the light of life and only a fool says "I have made it and have no need of instruction".

The path of the just is as a shining light and it grows brighter and brighter every day.

The instruction and guidance along the narrow way must come from the person that has walked and experienced it. His word is lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

Our example and teacher is Jesus and he alone is the one who shunned the broad way and chose the victory path back to the Father.

Daily he will guide us.

Daily he will provide for us.

Daily he will protect us.

Daily he will feed us.

Daily he will strengthen us.

Daily he will fill us with his Spirit.

The only thing he asks of us is to believe in him and give up all for him and daily take up our cross and follow him.

He does not want us to be over powered by what sin and the cares of this world may bring. On a daily basis we hear his voice calling us into a closer walk with him.

Henceforth Jesus says to us;

Take no thought for the morrow, for the morrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. (Matthew 6: 34).

Our life is hidden with Christ in God and the Father knows when a sparrow drops to the ground so how much more will he care for his children.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to comfort us and to strengthen us so we would comfort those that need comfort. Many times the greatest act within the Kingdom of Christ is to give a cup of cold water to someone in thirst.

Jesus did many small things in his walk upon the earth. He also did great miracles, but the mightiest works of God are that we believe. It was his faithfulness to walk in obedience to his Father's voice that accomplished the greatest work of all. He faithfully obeyed his Father's voice and fulfilled all scripture and took the narrow road to Calvary and brought salvation for all who would believe. Little things lead to greater things. Faith is like a mustard seed, it is the smallest seed, but grows into the largest tree in the garden.

Despise not small beginnings. Where you are now, is where God wants you to be right now. I do not mean in a physical place, but in the place where God is speaking to you right now. Where you are is where God has you now, but it is not where God will have you stay. God the Father has a great plan for your life and he will lead you to grow in grace and love until you will become like his own precious son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Are you willing to count the cost and give your all for Jesus?

That which seems impossible now, may be possible very soon.

Let go – and – let God.

Despise not small beginnings, awake to righteousness and sin not.

Jesus will open doors no man can open and close doors no man can shut.

The last condemnation to Adam and Eve was they were barred from any access to the tree of life that was in the Paradise of God.

In the Kingdom of Christ this curse is made void.

(Revelation 1: 17-19) Jesus said: ¹⁷ “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! ¹⁹ And I hold the keys of death and Hades. After this he spoke to the ecclesia or called out ones in the city of Ephesus with this promise.

(Revelation 2: 7) He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the ecclesia or 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.

We as the children of God are called to be overcomers and are reinstated into an inheritance of blessing that grants us the right to all the privileges that are given by the author of life. It is God’s good pleasure to give us this Kingdom so that we may be partakers of the fruit of the Kingdom.

The Apostle Paul says; he dealt with all the flock God had given him as a father deals with his children, encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

We must as dear children of God continue in ease or discomfort to proclaim the truth of God’s good news gospel whether in season or out of season and by faith let the power of the Holy Spirit convict the hearts of men who are not yet abiding in faith.

What God has promised will come to be.

(Job 8: 19) This is the joy of his way that out of the earth others may grow.

Let us all be unshackled from the powers of darkness and put on the full armour of God that we might stand our ground and after we have done everything, to stand.

So that we might open our mouths and words may be given us, so that we fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel. Pray that we may fearlessly declare it as we should.

God the Father have mercy on our souls through the grace given us so freely in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(1 Thessalonians 4: 11-12) ¹¹ Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

May the Lord richly bless you and cause his face to shine upon you.

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