

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, 2025 Message

Dear Friends,

It is a great time to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Yes, a great moment (or as the Greek word describes the moment as Kairos). This is not chronological time, but the moment or time that is associated with a moment or encounter initiated by Almighty God. This is not a time initiated by ourselves, it is the moment of time that Almighty God has chosen. Our Father has chosen the Kairos, or moment in chronological time to reveal his Son. This chronological moment was at Calvary night on 2000 years ago. This event is then repeated again and again in Kairos time when Calvary is repeated in the dead hearts that the Almighty chooses to raise to eternal life. This time called Kairos is Revelation Knowledge that no human being can give and is revealed only by the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Examples of this knowledge from above are given in scripture in the Gospel of Matthew in the dialogue between Peter and the Lord.

### **Matthew 16: 13-17**

*<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.*

Then again in the Epistle to the Galatians when the Apostle Paul is testifying of how he received the truth. He is adamant that what he received as truth did not come from man, but from Jesus Christ.

### **Galatians 1: 11-17**

*<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers, that the gospel I preached is not something that man made up. <sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ. <sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it. <sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. <sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man, <sup>17</sup> nor did I go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went immediately into Arabia and later returned to Damascus.*

Now in this day through the servant Paul, he testifies that you and I receive the truth not through man's wisdom, but through the power of God. We all must continue in God's grace and power by seeking the Kingdom of God and his righteousness and not be ensnared by the deceptions laid down by human institutions and natural minded men. The true Christian will only receive his instructions and his way to live the "WAY" by obedience to Jesus Christ and the way of the Cross. Anyone who does not take up the cross of Christ cannot be a true disciple of the Master.

The men and women who robe themselves in garments of self-righteousness and grandiose names are deceivers who are always trying to be the mediator between God and the sinner. There is only one mediator between God and man, and it is the man Christ Jesus. No one else can teach you about God except the "Man Christ Jesus". If this is so, how then can we discuss and pass on the things that are true and wholesome. Every man must be taught that only God can teach them about heavenly things. The Holy Ghost led instructor will encourage and exhort the born again believer to be like the Psalmist with these God inspired words.

### **Proverbs 3: 5-8**

*<sup>5</sup> "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, <sup>6</sup>in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord and shun evil. <sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.*

Also the Apostle Peter reminds us of the following in his Epistle.

### **1 Peter 1: 17-25**

*<sup>17</sup> Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. <sup>18</sup> For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. <sup>20</sup> He*

was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, so that your faith and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

<sup>24</sup> For, "All men are like grass,  
and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,

<sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord stands forever."

Verses 24 and 25 are quoted directly from the book of Isaiah 40 verses 6-8. This statement is followed by a declaration to follow the Lord and proclaim his majesty and his character, it says. He tends his flock like a shepherd, he gathers his lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart and he gently leads those that have young. Then Isaiah is instructed to declare God's strength and majesty. How he weighed the oceans in the hollow of his hand and with the breadth of his hand he architected the heavens and the earth. He needed no help and no one to teach him and he is beyond comparison in love, compassion, judgement and mercy. Is this the one you would put your trust in? Do you put your trust in Christ Jesus and him alone, or, do you put your trust in those that teach the commandments and traditions of men? Jesus speaks of them in the following passage of scripture.

### **Matthew 15: 1-20**

<sup>1</sup> Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, <sup>2</sup> "Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!" <sup>3</sup> Jesus replied, "And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? <sup>4</sup> For God said, 'Honour your father and mother' and 'Anyone who curses their father or mother must be put to death.' <sup>5</sup> But you say that if a man says to his father or mother 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is a gift devoted to God,' <sup>6</sup> he is not to 'honour his father' with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. <sup>7</sup> You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: <sup>8</sup> "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>9</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

<sup>10</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.

<sup>11</sup> What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean, but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean.'" <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?" <sup>13</sup> He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. <sup>14</sup> Leave them; they are blind guides. If a blind man leads a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, "Explain the parable to us." <sup>16</sup> "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. <sup>17</sup> "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? <sup>18</sup> But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean'. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'"

These scriptures declare it is not the outward show that is true worship, but true worship comes from deep within the heart and soul of man. The teachings of men have no power to change the heart, only God can change the heart and this is a miracle that can be understood and experienced. All the Pharisees and earthly minded men that hide behind institutional facades and take on posture and names of importance will nullify the blessedness of being captivated by Jesus Christ.

My appeal to you my friend is this. When you have been "born again" from above, you have the ability to see and enter the Kingdom of God. Read John 3.

Then Jesus said "Let the little children come to me, and DO NOT hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom".

And in the Gospel of Luke Jesus speaks further on this matter.

### **Luke 11: 52-54**

<sup>52</sup> "Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering." <sup>53</sup> When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, <sup>54</sup> waiting to catch him in something he might say.

These experts of the law, these Pharisees, these hinderers, are all around us. They masquerade in outward robes of righteousness, back the front collars, performing ritualistic acts of idolatry to their denominational obligators. Then they ordain to themselves highfalutin names that should only be used as a verb and not a noun. More blasphemous is the taking of names that should only be attributed to one man – that one man is Jesus Christ who

is Lord, Vicar, Pastor, Bishop, Reverend, Prophet, Priest and King. How irreverent and ungodly to take a title that belongs to Jesus and Jesus alone. In Paul's Epistle to the Philippians it states.

### **Philippians 2: 9**

*Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.*

Also in the book of Ephesians, Paul speaks of the power God exerted in Christ.

### **Ephesians 1: 19-21**

*<sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every TITLE that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.*

The only title that we can truthfully wear in this age and the one to come is servant/servant of both Christ and God.

Why do these men, institutions, denominations, movements and television ministries come in their own name? The true spiritual reason is they are instruments of the deceiver and these men and institutions are idol worshippers who make a god of their ideologies which they can control. They have chosen their god but it is only the true God who chooses. You cannot choose, God chooses you. You do not choose what your God should be. He is I AM WHO I AM. The truth about God is that he chooses whom he will and then reveals himself, and what he reveals is always the truth.

Man says be true to yourself, but God say be true to me. I am who I am and if you seek me you will be found of me. Jesus said; *"my sheep hear my voice and a stranger they will not follow"*. Jesus said to enter in at the straight gate and walk the narrow path that leads to life.

You may think this path is a hard road – no it is not. The way of the transgressor is hard.

The narrow road is the path of the just and it shines brighter and brighter until that glorious day. The temptations to draw you from this road always come from those that travel on the broad way, the easy road, the road that leads to destruction. The narrow road the path of life is always traversed by those who have the Cross of Christ etched upon their heart.

Dearly beloved, we are not of those who turn back, because the one we are walking with on the narrow way is Jesus Christ our Lord. We don't lean on the arm of the flesh but on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith. Jesus says take my yoke upon you and learn of me, I will teach you, I will protect you, I will bring you home, I am the way, I am the truth and I am the life. My burden is light and my yoke is easy and I will give you rest for your soul. The reason that many Christians are in pain and despair is because they are following men and institutions that cannot give rest to the soul or health to the bones. The blind are leading the blind and all are falling into the pit. Men, women and children are being called out of darkness into the light and then are being ensnared in the kingdoms built by men. Many hear the Gospel and are then trapped in rules, regulations and the traditions and teachings of men, instead of the Kingdom of the Son of his love. What began as a walk of freedom and liberty then becomes a ritualistic life that is devoid of the power of God. They then partake of a form of godliness and deny the power that God had invested in them at the beginning. The only ones that seem to thrive in this environment are those that appear to be leaders. Their strength begins in their self-appointments, their reliance on a submissive flock, and the most heinous of all – mammon. If you took away their gold, their temples, their self-appointed titles and all were laid bare before the Lord, how much of their ministries and life would stand in his Kingdom. Without the arm of the flesh, mammon and their code of ethics, they become no less relevant than any manmade godless enterprise.

You may ask, how can you say these things?

Well first of all, the church and the Kingdom of God are not the same.

If a man sees God's Kingdom, he will immediately acknowledge that there is only one King in this Kingdom that has been appointed by God and this King is the Sovereign Lord Jesus Christ. Every member of the body of Christ is

a servant and loyal subject to Jesus alone. They will also acknowledge that the Kingdom of God does not come by observation. In other words, it cannot be seen by natural eyes, no one can say it is here or over there.

This Kingdom is seen and entered by faith and only those that have seen and entered it by faith can preach it. The Kingdom of Christ can be experienced, understood and known now. Those that see the Kingdom as afar off have not entered by faith. Those that are born from above again can see and enter this great Kingdom and live in its reality while still trusting the promise of its full manifestation. The scriptures quite clearly state who cannot inherit this Kingdom. The unbelievers, the fleshly minded, the cowards, the liars and all idolaters. All the ungodly will oppose the reality of Christ's Kingdom being birthed in the hearts of men.

Men deceived by what they can see, do not comprehend what Heaven has declared. The Kingdom of God is like leaven that has been leavening the whole lump since Adam was deceived by Satan. The Kingdom of God has been leavening the truth into men's hearts and has been proclaimed through the prophets, holy men and the law until Jesus appeared as the fullness of the Godhead in a bodily form. But now through faith, the Holy One who is Christ the anointed one is formed in the hearts and minds of men, women and children who are gifted by God to know the mysteries of the Kingdom.

This mystery of the Kingdom is Christ in your heart. Your heart will tell you that Christ died on the cross and broke the power of Satan over your life and has set you free from sin and death. The power of the cross enables your heart and mind to be free from condemnation and Christ's blood cleanses your heart and mind from an evil conscience. This takes place right in the present moment. This is the time of salvation it happens right NOW in the present chronological time. What happened at Calvary becomes your present time (Kairos) when you take this by faith. The cleansed past becomes your present moment. How does it come to you? By God's Spirit which sheds the love of God into your heart. So today we don't walk after the flesh, we walk after the Spirit that Christ freely gave us on the day of Pentecost. The feast of Pentecost is freely ours to live in God's Spirit today. You may ask about the future! Well, Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever. If you have Christ in your heart today and live by the Spirit today, you will have the fruits of God's Spirit in you today. Because Christ is in our heart today, Christ in us is our hope of glory. This hope is not yet seen, because hope that is seen is no longer hope. Faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen.

Faith lets us see the mystery of God's Kingdom that all our sins, sicknesses and all penalties of death are dealt with on Calvary. That is the past that we must perpetually remember that has been dealt with by Christ and the shedding of his blood cleanses us from all sin. We are no longer held captive to the world, the flesh or the devil. We are no longer bound by the traditions and teachings of men. We are only bound to the teachings of Christ. All these things must be to release us out of reliance on chronological and historical manmade traditions. When we are fully reliant on God's word about his Gospel and his Kingdom, we know that to give up the world is not done by human endeavour. We give up the world because we have been granted a Kingdom that cannot be shaken which is gifted to us and is better than anything the world can give us. This Kingdom is not reliant on what we eat or drink or on reliance of holy days, do and don'ts, but it is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and those that serve Christ in this manner are pleasing to God. To walk in the Spirit is pleasing to God, because he knows then that you have come of age. Why is it that men, women and children don't walk in the Spirit? Well one cause is that sectarianism and denominationalism are violations of God's purpose and plan. There is no division in God's Kingdom between race, clan, Jew, Gentile, male or female. Anyone that adheres and teaches these things cannot enter God's Kingdom. Every purpose, plan or endeavour to diminish or overshadow Jesus Christ whether it be religious or secular is anti-Christ.

How can we know if we are in God's Kingdom and Christ's teachings?

Firstly, you will be born again from above and be enlightened that you have been transferred into the Kingdom of the Son of his love. You will know you are transformed and are passing from death to life. You will share in the Holy Spirit and his gifts and his teachings about Christ. You will become spiritually minded because you have tasted the good word of God. You will discover the prophecy of the scripture will not return to God without accomplishing its purpose. You will have tasted the coming age which is the Kingdom that Jesus brought to earth. You will have come to the heavenly Jerusalem, the spiritual Mount Zion, the city of the living God. You will have come to thousands of thousands of messengers in joyous assembly worshipping God the Father in Spirit and in

truth. You will have come to the called out ones of the first born, whose names are written in the Lambs book of life. You will have come to God the judge of all men and to the spirits of justified men made perfect, but yet to be glorified. You will know that you have come to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant. You will know that his blood cleanses and purifies and is greater than the spilt blood of Abel that cries out of the ground for vengeance. The shed blood of Jesus cries out for forgiveness. You will know that you have been delivered from judging your fellowman, but have been called to be released from that burden. Now we can leave the judgement to God who is a consuming fire and he will burn up the dross – these are the manmade works which do not honour God and him alone. You will also know you are called to forgive and love all men.

This is the Kingdom we receive now and will be manifested in the fullness of the coming age of glory. This Kingdom is so wonderful, so satisfying that when we hear something that does not align with Jesus' voice, we can dismiss it as the voice of the stranger. We are immediately humbled to obey God and pray for those that are ignorant of God's Kingdom and to ask our Father to forgive them for they don't know what they are doing. May Christ have mercy on their soul and ours.

If these things spoken of here are not reality to you, maybe you are searching for the truth of God in the wrong place. The reason we strive to enter in, is because Jesus said seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. Let me put it this way. When we are first enlightened we look for an earthly place where we can gain solace for our perceived need. If we have relationship needs, financial needs, emotional needs, spiritual needs, family needs or any other perceived needs, we will gravitate and pitch our tent where these perceived needs are met. However, after some time, most will find other needs arise and these places we pitched our tent are not fulfilling our current need. The tendency is to move from one manmade institution or movement to another manmade place where our perceived need will be satisfied. Another way of expressing this can be in saying "this is where my parents went and I am staying here" or "I am born a Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Anglican, Buddhist, Muslim, Confucius, Taoist, Sikh, Hinduist" etc. and the list goes on. It would seem like a betrayal to depart from that institution. These religious institutions are not the only way mankind finds his needs met. He may find his need to be in politics, works of charity, helping disadvantaged, vocations in life that help those that cannot help themselves. Others might find their need satisfied in more negative outlets like gangs, corrupt practices, criminality, deception and hate. Then again, others might have a need for nationalism, patriotism, sporting prowess or in developing their talents in the world of arts and human intelligence to gain glory and praise of their fellow man. Let it be known there is a way that seems right to a man and it only leads to death.

It might seem false and stupid to decry these ambitious needs. Yet this is not my intention to do so. What I am trying to convey is that all these needs may be of a perceived necessity in this life but they do not have any purpose beyond this world. It may appear foolish of me to try to ask anyone to give up these pursuits, but it is not foolish of God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ to proclaim to all mankind there is life beyond this life. God the Father declares that to obtain this life eternal with him, it can only be found and met by trusting in Jesus Christ. The most wonderful thing about this truth is you can experience the joy and peace of this eternal Kingdom while you live in this world of good and evil. This is the real need of all mankind. Jesus is mankind's need.

And as the scripture says:

#### **Philippians 4:19**

*And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.*

This Kingdom of Christ is available to all who hear the inaudible voice of God – through the inner ear and then trust and obey it. Who then by faith take all the promises of God which are fulfilled in Christ. Who then live by the Spirit of Christ and not the will of the flesh. Who do not draw back from the heavenly calling and enter God's Kingdom by faith. Another way of expressing this is the Kingdom of Christ is synonymous with the Kingdom of God which receives all its instruction from the Kingdom of Heaven. This Kingdom is relevant and brings the experience of the coming age whilst we live in the present age. This present age and all its pleasures are passing away and all things are made new. If these things are not yours now you are still living by standards of the age that is passing away, you are still living under rules and regulations and not from the law written on your heart by the Holy Spirit. The Old Covenant of blessing and cursing is your guide. The law of sin and death is still engraved on your heart and condemnation and fear are still lifetime bondages. You have not come to Jesus the mediator of

the New Covenant. You are allowing the law of blessing and cursing which was mediated by angels to dominate your thoughts and words. You are allowing another to mediate God's law to you – this may be a man or Guru; it may be an institutional organisation disguised as proclaimer of truth. It may be an idol or a false understanding.

No matter what the hindrance, it will be deep down in the recesses of your heart and not able to save your soul from death. God the Father is the only one who can save your soul from death and bring you into eternal life and he gave this power to his Son Jesus who was made both Lord and Christ. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. This is not the ability to raise a person from physical death back into this natural life, which Christ demonstrated at Lazarus' tomb. No, the resurrection life that is being conveyed in this message is the power to raise a soul from this earthly life into eternal life and to bodily resurrect on the last day. Jesus demonstrated what kind of faith is required to believe this. This faith has the power to raise us from natural life to spiritual life or as scripture says abundant life. He can cleanse the soul from an evil conscience and fill the soul of him or her with love which is free of condemnation and judgement, so that the life of Christ can be experienced and demonstrated in our natural world. This power comes from knowing God the Father and whom he sent, Jesus Christ.

This occurs in the heart and soul of man even though he is clothed in a perishable body. For those overcomers he promises them that the second death will not harm them, their names will not be expunged from the book of life. They will be clothed in a glorified body just like his. They will live in eternal life for eternity. This truth is how and why you can give up this known world, not because we are good and righteous, but because Jesus is good and righteous and we put off the old man and his way of living because God the Father has revealed to us a better way of living. We do not put off the old way because we have to through rules and regulations. No we put off the old way of living not through man's instructions but because God from heaven has revealed to us a more glorious, a more wonderful place than our hearts could imagine or dream up. And the truth is that the Spirit has revealed this to us, not through the teachings of men and their traditions, but by the teaching of Christ and the power of the Gospel.

### **I Corinthians 2: 6-16**

*<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup> However, as it is written:*

*"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived"—*

*what God has prepared for those who love him"—*

*<sup>10</sup> But God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. <sup>14</sup> The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned.*

*<sup>15</sup> The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:*

*<sup>16</sup> "For, who has known the mind of the Lord  
that he may instruct him?"*

*But we have the mind of Christ.*

May the riches of Christ's glory reach into the deepest and darkest recesses of our hearts to bring to light the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. May Christ's Kingdom be our eternal dwelling place as we cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bring every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Until we meet again, may the grace and love of God fill your heart with contentment and true worship. Amen.

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