

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.

**God our Father has a family which only those spiritually born into it  
know of its dimensions and power.**

Dear Friends,

To be a true follower of Christ and to do God's will, creates a way of life that is alien to the world and its desires. It entails the burning up of all the dross of wood, hay and stubble so that the precious jewels of Christ's life may be known and experienced by those who have been subjected to the fallen nature. In this process all glory, honour and power belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ, who recreates us in righteousness and holiness of truth. We now live humbly under God's mighty hand in the wisdom of humility, truth and gentleness, this is the nature of the Lamb of God that is the evidence that God's power is working mightily in us. This work is accomplished in us by the Holy Spirit who sheds the love of God into our heart. The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord and though he fall, though he fall, he will not be utterly cast out into the darkness of death. He that overcomes will not be hurt by the second death. He that has this hope within him purifies himself, this hope is a virtue gifted by God. This hope leads us to love Jesus and exalt him above all things. Love is the greatest virtue of all and love is of God and God is love.

**Matthew 12: 46-50**

*<sup>46</sup> While Jesus was still talking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, wanting to speak to him. <sup>47</sup> Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." <sup>48</sup> He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" <sup>49</sup> Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. <sup>50</sup> For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."*

**Mark 3: 31-35**

*<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. <sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." <sup>33</sup> "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. <sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."*

**Luke 8: 19-21**

*<sup>19</sup> Now Jesus' mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. <sup>20</sup> Someone told him, "Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you." <sup>21</sup> He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice."*

In the synoptic gospels we are treated to a message that those who are in the world and belong to the world cannot believe. Our guiding texts grant us a three-fold witness of the truth that the family of God is not one of natural birth, but that which is born of God. The true family of God consists of those that hear God's word of Christ and his Kingdom and obey it. This life is a life of faith that Jesus is the Righteous One and his righteousness is imputed or held to the account of the believer.

In the apostle John's gospel this truth is also revealed when he wrote about the witness John the Baptist proclaimed.

**John 1: 5-13**

*<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. <sup>6</sup> There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. <sup>11</sup> He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup> Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to*

*become children of God – <sup>13</sup> children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision, or a husband's will, but born of God.*

Only those that are born of God, truly believe and they refuse to put trust in their natural descent.

Though a born again believer is born of God's will, it does not abrogate their responsibility to:

1. Honour their natural father and mother (this is the first commandment with promise).
2. Honour all men.
3. Honour all authorities.
4. Honour the brethren.

This honour does not mean – to worship! All worship, glory, honour and power must be given to him who created all things.

Let us look at the scripture in chapter three of John's gospel. Nicodemus a teacher of all Israel came to Jesus by night and replied to Jesus' word of truth with natural thinking.

*Jesus said to Nicodemus; "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again from above."*

Those who say along with Nicodemus; *"How can this be?"*, still remain in the darkness of the night.

Today many claim that they enter and see the kingdom of God yet at the same time live in full agreement with the world of natural heritage and carnal thinking. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but spirit gives birth to spirit. The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it is going. SO IT IS WITH EVERYONE BORN OF THE SPIRIT. This is the mystery of the gospel of Christ.

Many are claiming the truth of heavenly things and are only talking from an earthly and darkened mind. Jesus spoke only of heavenly things because he came from heaven and returned to the heaven to which he belonged. Yet he humbled himself and spoke in earthly parables to reveal heavenly realities.

Satan came from heaven, but never returned to heaven because he remains in the darkness. Satan was cast from heaven to earth and his eternal home will be the lake of fire, not heaven's glory. Those that follow the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption and eternal flames.

*Jesus said in **John 3: 13** "No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man."*

The "Son of Man" is one whom Daniel prophesied about – this is Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anyone that thinks they can live in the kingdom of God without obeying the will and commands of Jesus Christ are deceiving themselves. By keeping Jesus' commands, we are kept in his love.

The parable of the sheep and the goats in **Matthew 25: 34** spells out plainly:

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."*

This kingdom is the true inheritance of all those born of God's will.

It is not elitism or privilege.

It is election not rejection.

The true calling is one where the believer works out their own salvation by faith with fear and trembling and abides in a life with Christ. This life denies any privilege or nepotism passed down through natural birth.

The "true believer" puts their trust in the Lord and leans not on their own understanding, but in all their ways acknowledges him and lets the Holy Spirit direct their path for Jesus' name sake.

## **Matthew 10: 32-42**

<sup>32</sup> *"Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven.*

<sup>34</sup> *"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn*

*" 'a man against his father,*

*a daughter against her mother,*

*a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—*

<sup>36</sup> *a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'*

<sup>37</sup> *"Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and anyone who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*

<sup>40</sup> *"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup> Anyone who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and anyone who receives a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup> And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward."*

The gospel of Christ has a simplicity that confounds the wise of this world.

Matthew 10 is the discourse and instruction given to the twelve disciples, who were given the authority to drive out evil spirits and heal every disease and sickness. It also instructs to cast out all fear of man and to know God the Father cares for his disciples. Even a little sparrow is in God's care, so how much more does he care for those that belong to Jesus.

Matthew chapter 10 is worthy of much meditation and thought.

We must put aside the fear of man and trust God our Father and the wonderful work of the cross of Christ where our sins and transgressions were fully atoned for. We must be like the apostle Paul and forget the past and press on toward the heavenly prize. Jesus is the heavenly prize. We must lose our life to gain and find true life.

Jesus' words ring loudly in our ears.

## **Matthew 6: 25-34**

<sup>25</sup> *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? <sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? <sup>28</sup> "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? <sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. <sup>33</sup> BUT SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND ALL THESE THINGS WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU AS WELL. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.*

If we follow Jesus and die daily with him, we will draw down the wrath of man upon ourselves. But take heart the wrath of man has no power.

## **James 1: 19-20**

<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.*

When we walk with Jesus we bring the light of life into the darkness and the darkness responds from its own nature. Threats, punishments, and false accusations. The accuser of the brethren is the instigator of all these methods and uses naturally minded people posing as angels or messengers of light to subtly proclaim a false message to nullify your faith in Christ Jesus.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem which was supposed to be the earthly dwelling place of God. This natural Jerusalem was no longer sacred, but was as Sodom and Gomorrah.

#### **Matthew 23: 37-39**

*<sup>37</sup> "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you,  
how often have I longed to gather your CHILDREN together,  
as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not WILLING.*

*<sup>38</sup> Look your house is left to you desolate.*

*<sup>39</sup> For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

Naturally minded religious men and women not abiding in Christ's kingdom, will have the appearance of godliness but deny the power thereof, they will be the same as the ancient city of Jerusalem. They do not belong to the new Jerusalem, nor the true city of God because they are not willing to do the will of God. This heavenly city is glorious and is made up of living stones, a royal diadem, a building built by God. This is the true body of Christ.

#### **Isaiah 54: 11-17**

*<sup>11</sup> "Oh afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted,  
I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise  
your foundations with sapphires.*

*<sup>12</sup> I will make your battlements of rubies,  
your gates of sparkling jewels,  
and all your walls of precious stones.*

*<sup>13</sup> All your sons will be taught by the LORD,  
and great will be your children's peace.*

*<sup>14</sup> In righteousness you will be established:  
Tyranny will be far from you;  
you will have nothing to fear.*

*Terror will be far removed;  
it will not come near you.*

*<sup>15</sup> If anyone does attack you, it will not be my doing;  
whoever attacks you will surrender to you.*

*<sup>16</sup> "See, it is I who created the blacksmith  
who fans the coals into flame  
and forges a weapon fit for its work.*

*And it is I who have created the destroyer to wreak havoc;*

*<sup>17</sup> no weapon forged against you will prevail,  
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.*

*This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,  
and this is their vindication from me,"*

*declares the LORD.*

It is a great honour yet a fearful thing to serve Jesus as we see the world of unrighteousness crumble and the day of the Lord being fulfilled.

#### **The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 3: 11-23**

*<sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, <sup>13</sup> his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality*

of each man's work. <sup>14</sup> If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. <sup>15</sup> If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.

<sup>16</sup> Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

<sup>18</sup> Do not deceive yourselves. If any one of you thinks he is wise by the standards of this age, he should become a "fool" so that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile." <sup>21</sup> So then, no more boasting about men! All things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

This witness is proclaimed in all the gospels and reinforced by the apostle Paul and now reiterated by the apostle Peter.

### **1 Peter 2: 4-12**

<sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—<sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says:

"See, I lay a stone in Zion,  
a chosen and precious cornerstone,  
and the one who trusts in him  
will never be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe,  
"The stone the builders rejected  
has become the capstone,"

<sup>8</sup> and,  
"A stone that causes men to stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in this world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Malachi the last prophet of the old testament, prophesies of the future glory for those that belong to the Lord.

### **Malachi 3: 17 – 4: 1-2**

<sup>17</sup> "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.

<sup>4:1</sup> Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and that day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. "Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>2</sup> But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall.

Dear brethren, when our ways please the Lord we are not only servants, but we become friends of the Lord.

### **John 15: 1-27 – 16: 1-4**

<sup>1</sup> "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no

fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

<sup>9</sup> "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this: that he lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

<sup>18</sup> "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. <sup>19</sup> If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. <sup>20</sup> Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. <sup>21</sup> They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the one who sent me. <sup>22</sup> If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin; now however they have no excuse for their sin. <sup>23</sup> He who hates me hates my Father as well. <sup>24</sup> If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles and yet they have hated both me and my Father. <sup>25</sup> But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'

<sup>26</sup> "When the counsellor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. <sup>27</sup> And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:1</sup> "All this I have told you so that you will not go astray. <sup>2</sup> They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God. <sup>3</sup> They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me. <sup>4</sup> I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you,

To follow the Lord Jesus and obey the Father's will, causes a burning in our soul which destroys the wood, hay and stubble. This is the end of the world as the ruling power. We now live by faith and not by sight. This faith comes by hearing the word of Christ and obeying it. Sin shall not have dominion over us. For freedom Christ has set us free to worship and obey our heavenly Father in spirit and in truth. Everything of God is filled with good intention and all things do work together for good for those who love God and are the called according to his purpose no matter how hard the ordeal, persecution or trial may be.

It is only the Lamb of God who can take the sin of the world from our heart.

Fear not "I will never leave you nor forsake you", says the Lord.

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