

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. (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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Christ in you, THE HOPE of Glory

Psalm 23

¹ *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.*

² *He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he restores my soul.*

*He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.*

⁴ *Even though I walk
through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

⁵ *You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

⁶ *Surely goodness and love will
follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.*

July 2026 Message

Dear Friends,

This headline Psalm is one of the most quoted forms of literature within holy writ. This is because of its encouragement to all men. It also portrays the Lord as a Shepherd who leads and provides daily care to his flock whilst they abide in a hostile world. Goodness, love and peace are the desires of any person while they travel through this world. Unless of course they are captivated by loss and fear, then they have a bias to create the dark side of human nature. But for those that have faith and trust in the Lord as a Shepherd, this psalm helps us cope with the injustices and vagaries which we are confronted with.

If we go back to the first two psalms, we are instructed that this world we live in is inhabited by two types of people. (1) The blessed believer. (2) The wicked unbeliever.

Psalm 1: 1-6

*¹ Blessed is the man
who does not walk in the
counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners
or sit in the seat of mockers.*

*² But his delight is in the law of
the LORD,
and on his law he meditates
day and night.*

*³ He is like a tree planted by
streams of water,
which yields its fruit in
season
and whose leaf does not
Wither.*

Whatever he does prospers.

*⁴ Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff
that the wind blows away.*

*⁵ Therefore the wicked will not
stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly
of the righteous.*

*⁶ For the LORD watches over the
way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked
will perish.*

In this psalm is portrayed the individual who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, but trusts in the Lord. It also describes the result of this trust. A person becomes sturdy as a tree planted by streams of water. We all need water to survive and the scriptures say that the word of God is like water and in drinking it, we will never thirst again.

The word of Christ is nourishment to our wellbeing and will yield fruit in season. Nothing withers on this tree and prosperity comes as a result.

This prosperity is not to be interpreted in financial terms alone, but to prosper in spiritual things, because our soul is prospering in the knowledge and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The last verse of Psalm 1, which is verse 6 says –

“For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will PERISH”.

Another widely renowned portion of scripture is John 3: 16.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not PERISH, but have eternal life”.

Psalm 1 and John 3:16,

Are scriptures that can be joined in harmony within the Father’s intention and love, which has always been the catalyst for rescuing, protecting and saving his creation from PERISHING and destruction.

I would like to mention at this point that the gospel of John which is a pillar in the testimony of Jesus as God’s Son or the WORD made flesh and dwelling among us. This gospel of John’s does not once mention the word faith (grk Pistos = noun).

This Greek word for faith is (Pistos = Noun); meaning persuasion or in the new testament faith in God or Christ. A noun is a naming word and a verb is a doing word.

Yet in the gospel of John, this word faith as a noun is never used. In its place is the Greek word (Pisteuo = a verb or doing word). It is not a static onetime word or noun describing a onetime faith (Pistos). No, it is an ongoing continuing persuasion that keeps a soul from PERISHING and is a continuing belief and lifestyle that is a commitment and trust, by uniting with Jesus Christ as Lord.

The second psalm goes from the singular to the plural.

Psalm 2: 1-12

¹ *Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?*

² *The kings of the earth take
their stand*

*and the rulers gather
together*

*against the LORD
and against his Anointed One.*

³ *“Let us break their chains
they say,*

“and throw off their fetters.”

⁴ *The One enthroned in heaven
laughs;*

the Lord scoffs at them.

⁵ *Then He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his
wrath, saying,*

⁶ *“I have installed my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”*

⁷ *I will proclaim the decree of the Lord:
He said to me, “You are my Son,
today I have become your Father.*

⁸ *Ask of me,
and I will make the nations*

*your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.*

*⁹ You will rule them with an
iron sceptre,
you will dash them to pieces
like pottery.”*

*¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.*

*¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear
and rejoice with trembling.*

*¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry
and you be destroyed in
your way,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take
refuge in him.*

The individual either unites with Christ or collaborates with the worldly wicked.

When an individual unites with Christ it makes them a cell in a living body of Christ.

This psalm declares the conditions that persist when the individual combines in collective rebellion against the anointed true believers in Christ and Christ Jesus himself.

In the scheme of things, the spiritual authorities and powers along with worldly institutions may seem too mighty for the individual to overcome. But the truth is that those that are united to the Lord in spirit and in truth, are invested with believing faith through Christ who strengthens them to overcome all adversity.

Even though the kings and rulers in the earth take their stand against the Lord, the end result will not be to their order, but will be according to the will of God.

The kings and rulers of this world are warned in **Psalm 2: 10-12**.

¹⁰ Therefore, you Kings, be wise, be warned, you rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling,

¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO TAKE REFUGE IN HIM.

We are encouraged to take refuge in the Lord both in good times and in Crisis'. We are to abide in the vine and let the word of the Lord abide in us. Salvation is not just a once and forever faith (Pistos) occurrence to which we trust in. No, it is an ongoing vibrant trusting faith (Pisteuo) in the Lord in every aspect of our lives, so that we do not PERISH, but in our believing, we reap the fruit of God's kingdom or the coming age of prosperity NOW, which manifests in love, joy and peace with contentment.

In this world we are confronted with situations which bring the fear of death and even death itself.

But as **Psalm 23: 4** says:

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for you are with me, your rod (word) and staff (Spirit) comfort me.

My question to you is "Do you know and acknowledge the presence of Christ as the Shepherd and protector (provider) for your every need?"

This is the believing faith that the apostle John is referring to in his writings. Nearly 100 times he writes of believing faith (Pisteuo = verb) and not once in his gospel does he refer to initial faith (Pistos = noun).

We must all begin in the initial faith (Pistos = noun) granted us through Christ and continue in the ongoing believing faith (Pisteuo = verb) that prevents us from PERISHING. This faith (Pisteuo = verb) is in Christ and him alone and it is by grace and grace alone.

It is not based on our righteousness and good works (which are as filthy rags), but is based on the finished work of Jesus Christ as our sin bearer on the cross of Calvary. This is where he bore and paid the penalty of death for our sins and how God his Father is not holding our sins and trespasses against us. Jesus Christ the Lamb of God is the only one in God's redemptive plan who can take away the sin of the world.

To be united with Christ, is to be united in his death on the cross and to then be united with Christ in his resurrection and his new life. This has resulted in a new creation being formed within us as a new spiritual being created in the image and likeness of Christ.

There are kings and rulers who oppose the gospel both in spiritual and worldly institutions of this world and they oppose the authority and lordship of Jesus Christ. This occurs in the church and in the secular. They lie in wait to deceive and come in all forms and shapes of spiritual teachers. Only the Holy Spirit and his teaching of the Lord can discern these "shadow casters" who like to take the authority and dominion from Christ and diminish his rule.

They do this by fear and false teachings about end time events. Claiming that their institutions and themselves are the righteous ones. They always take the shepherding and authority from Christ onto themselves or their institution. They always rely on institutional hierarchies and money as their evidence that they are spreading the "word". They build edifices and buildings in defiance of Christ's teaching. Their claim is that they are the righteous ones.

The "word" they are spreading is their own power and authority falsely using the name of Jesus.

Jesus said he would build his own ecclesia and the defences of hell would not prevail against it. The Holy Spirit departed the temple the exact same hour Christ gave up his Spirit on the cross. We are to be servants of the Most High and give all authority to our unseen Lord and give him all power, praise and honour.

Post resurrection, Jesus said to the apostle Thomas after Thomas had said; "I will not believe until I see the nail marks in his hands and put my fingers where the nails were, and put my hands into his side." A week later Jesus stood before the disciples in a locked room and said "peace be with you" then he said to Thomas. "Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." (John 20).

Then Jesus said. "Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those that have not seen and have yet believed." (John 20: 29).

This is the word "believed" which equals the verb in (Greek = Pisteuo). Which in turn means ongoing belief, not just the Greek word (Pistos = noun) onetime belief.

The question to us is, do we believe or is our faith static and in name only or do we have a vibrant ongoing trust and belief in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, sanctifier, judge and redeemer?

Let us reflect and ask ourselves.

2 Corinthians 13: 5-6

⁵ *Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith, test yourselves. Do you not realise that Jesus is in you – unless of course you fail the test.* ⁶ *And I trust you will discover that we have not failed the test.*

The question that must be asked here is, do you believe (Pisteuo = ongoing, doing faith) that Christ is in you or do you believe he is far off?

Whether near or afar off, our words, thoughts, intentions and behaviour will reveal to us our need to repent and believe. Remember it is the goodness of God that leads to Godly repentance. A repentance not to be repented of.

To believe he is near

Will cause you to value Christ's presence within you now. You will see and know he is the unseen ruler of all things, even things in this present age, as well as the future. He leads and teaches us in the small mundane things of life, before the weightier matters. Trust him.

To believe he is afar off

Will create a complacency in your life, which will lead to trusting in the praises of men and their schemes. Their "end time teachings" bring fear not faith. We must come to the end of the world as a lifestyle and live for God by a vibrant ongoing faith (Pisteuo), trusting that the kingdom of God is with us now. This faith brings the evidence and experience of the coming age, yet unseen, but known by those that are true believers in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son. This faith (Pisteuo) is a quiet, reserved and solid assurance that births non-judgemental servanthood in Christ Jesus as Lord.

If doubt remains in your mind that this message is untrue or does not require consideration, we challenge you to rely on the testimony of the two-fold witness of scripture.

Let us read and meditate on
Colossians chapter 3: 1-25.

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. ²⁰ Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. ²¹ Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

²² Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favour, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³ Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴ since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. ²⁵ Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favouritism.

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