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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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A Time to Pray

In the times that we live in we must remember the words the Lord has already spoken.

The Lord taught his disciples how to pray – we must remember it is in these troublesome times that we cannot over rule God’s Sovereignty, but must pray according to his will.

(Matthew 6: 9-13)

Jesus said: *Then this is how you should pray.*

Our Father in Heaven, Hallowed be your name.....	Grant God his Sovereign will, honour and purpose, and only ask in Jesus’ name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.....	Pray for God’s Kingdom to enter our lives here on earth and God’s will be done here.
Give us today our daily bread.....	Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from God. The true bread from Heaven is Jesus.
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.....	Owe no man anything but to love him. Read the parable of the unforgiving servant. (Math 18: 21-35).
Lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil one.....	God does not tempt with evil, but everyman is tempted when drawn away by his own lusts. (James 1: 13-15).

Another encouragement about prayer can be found in the gospel of Luke. Jesus used this parable to show his disciples they should always pray and not give up.

(Luke 18: 1-8)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ² He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. ³ And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.'

⁴ "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!'"

⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"

Jesus uses the illustration of a widow coming to an unjust judge. This judge was of the lowest form of humanity who was in a position of administering judgement without care or compassion. This judge saw that this widow would be so persistent that he had better do something about it because of his self-interest to do so. His reason was not about justice, but about his own peace of mind. He did his job to prevent this woman's persistency bothering him. He saw that she would just keep pleading, but he perceived it as harassment for himself. Jesus was illustrating we come to a just and righteous God who hears our prayers when we pray. But we must ask in faith and be persistent and trust that justice will be done and done quickly, but remembering God does know, does hear and justice will be ministered to us in due time. This is the kind of faith and prayer that announces the cry "*come Lord Jesus, come quickly*".

When we remember the Lord and his ways this is how God speaks to us, the voice of the Lord comes in power through remembering. God the Holy Spirit encourages us to remember the Lord Jesus. He brings to our remembrance the words Jesus has already spoken to the world. This is the same Word that judges us on the last day.

This is why it is important to read the written word (Bible) then the Holy Spirit can bring to our remembrance the words that Jesus spoke, which are "Spirit and Life". The Holy Spirit will not go beyond what is written. God the Holy Spirit will take the written word (Bible) and it will bear witness to what he has written on our heart (living Word). This is how we know what is true.

What is written on our hearts and minds bears witness to what is written in holy script and the anointing assures us the truth is in Jesus.

This is wholly a Holy work of the living God and no man can teach this truth except the mediator, the man Christ Jesus.

When we remember the Lord and obey him, it is Jesus the Lord of glory speaking to us. It may seem like an audible voice sometimes, but it is the sweet gentle Spirit of God working in revelation knowledge within the humble of heart. When we are in a state of humility we remember our Creator/Saviour/Redeemer/Lord – the glorious Jesus. (Now in his name we pray).

"Remember the Lord"

(2 Timothy 4: 1-8)

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ² Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³ For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵ But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶ For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷ I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸ Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Written by the Apostle and servant of Christ, Paul.

Dear Friends,

Praise God! Praise our heavenly Father that he has chosen the weak things of this world to confound the wise. As this world, its systems and institutions are found wanting (lacking power) we that believe in the sovereignty of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ, see our heavenly Father at work through the finished work of Calvary. “In the Cross, in the Cross, is our glory ever!” Jesus was crucified in weakness but raised in the power of God. So must it be for the true believer to walk through the straight gate and walk with Jesus on the path of life. We must be humble, gentle and kind no matter what situation we find ourselves in.

In our weakness we are made strong. When we lay down our old life we are raised up in the power of our new life in Christ. Though this is a mystery to the world, it is a revelation to the elect of God. We humble ourselves under our Father’s mighty hand and he will exalt us in due time.

We spend much time in patiently waiting and watching for Christ’s appearing.

While the world and its followers tumble down the slippery slope of the abyss, we that are born of water and Spirit rise to new heights of love and understanding of our heavenly calling progressing into the kingdom of the Son of his love. It is true that love (agape) conquers all and true love (agape) never fails. Those that are chosen by God (the elect) are not an elite band of believers, who count themselves aloof, or more righteous than other people or think of themselves more highly than they should. No, the elect are a saving elect who give all honour, all glory and all power to Jesus. They walk in true humility submitting all their thoughts and actions to the sovereignty and Lordship of Jesus Christ. They humble themselves under the mighty hand of a triune God who alone has the power to save. They have in humility of wisdom been taught by the Lord.

As the scripture says *“trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path”*. With child-like trust only in God and obedience of faith they trust he will teach them his way. As an Old Testament quotation we remember this: *“The children of Israel saw the acts of God, but Moses new his ways”*. It is better to know God’s way than to see with our natural eyes.

We live in a better covenant than Moses and the children of Israel. We don’t live by commands written on blocks of stone. We live under a better covenant with better promises and with a true mediator. This mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord, mediates God’s commands and intentions through God the Holy Spirit to us. The Holy Spirit writes the commands and laws of God upon the fleshly tablets of our inner being. He writes it on our hearts and minds and makes us living epistles or in other words “we are taught by the living Word Jesus, who is without sin and who never lies”.

We are in a covenant of love (agape) that teaches us that the truth is a person and that person is Jesus. The living Christ is then made alive in us as we continue in faith.

Jesus is the living Word of God, there is none other beside him who we need to trust. Jesus is the only one who can reveal the Father and he is the only one who can take us back to the Father. Jesus and the Father gave us the Holy Spirit after Jesus had accomplished our justification. The Holy Spirit who is a person and is the Spirit of Truth, will comfort us, pray with us, intercede for us, teach us and bring to our remembrance what Jesus taught.

The sweet Holy Spirit will not dominate us, but will gently guide us into all truth. He will not go beyond the written word concerning our salvation, but will bear witness to what is written in pen and ink, by writing His word on the fleshly tablets of our heart. Thus we gain a twofold witness.

We as the humble saving elect come out of cocoons of man-made traditions and hindrances that do not glorify the Father and the Son and preach the one and only true gospel and the Kingdom of God. This can only happen when the end of the world comes to us and we move and live and have our being in Christ, firmly planted in his kingdom. A kingdom where Jesus reigns as supreme ruler.

If we die with him, we will live with him. To live is Christ, but to die is gain. When we die to live, that is when Christ comes alive in us. In our weakness we are made strong. Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. Sin shall not have dominion over you. We are to live in the New Covenant based on better promises. All the promises of God are yes and amen in Christ Jesus.

Just as Jesus asked many of his questioners *“how do you see these things?”* We can ask ourselves “how do we see the things that are written?”.

- Do we see our Father as an “austere man” and hide our treasure in the ground or do we behold him as all goodness and severity?
- Do you behold him as full of all compassion, mercy and loving kindness to all sinners who come to him in humble, repentant faith, confessing their weakness and inability to overcome sins and transgressions by their own power?
- Do we at the same time behold God’s justice and his holiness which fills us with reverential awe and at the same time declares he must punish all sin, transgression and ungodliness.

Our heavenly Father is not austere and angry, he is full of compassion and mercy and he knows the working of sin and evil and the toll it has wrought upon us. This is the message of the gospel that his Son Jesus was willing to become a man in the flesh and pay the penalty for our sins and transgressions and save all who would believe. Jesus is not only our Saviour; he is our redeemer.

Jesus as our redeemer is at this very moment performing his redeeming work by the power of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit in saving our souls from death. God through the Holy Spirit and his Word is sanctifying our thoughts, ideas, and intentions so we will be conformed to the image of his Son. This work does proceed while we live in the flesh and allows us to enter the unseen realm of God's Kingdom through the new birth. The fullness of our redemption will take place when we are clothed upon with our glorified bodies. Until this time, we live by faith through the Masters words. We put on the new man which was created in righteousness and holiness of truth. Living by faith and not by sight, calling those things that be not as though they were.

How do we do this?

Let us challenge our imaginations to live by a godlier attitude than we have been accustomed to. Everything I speak of along these lines will be of scriptural basis. We must rightly divide the word (written) of truth and show ourselves approved unto God. Instead of living in fear, let us live by love.

Perfect love casts out all fear.

(1 John 4: 18) There is not fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

As I said before, it will take courage and faith to develop the things we are talking of here. In fact, it may take a whole lifetime. Never-the-less, we must hold to the principle that our life is in Christ and through him we can do all things.

Are we afraid of the dark? Are we afraid of death? Are we afraid of the world we live in? are we afraid of not being accepted? Are we afraid of losing something? Are we afraid of our weakness and lack of courage? Are we afraid of the Corona Virus and sickness?

All of the above fears can be dealt with by the Lord and his Word.

- Jesus is the light and he who follows him will not walk in darkness.
- He that lives and trusts in Jesus will live and not die.
- Fear not for I have overcome the world.
- You are accepted in the beloved.
- What would it be to gain the whole world and lose your own soul.
- When we are weak we are made strong and we are encouraged to be of good courage.
- All our needs are met in Jesus Christ and our life is hid with Christ in God.

Through lifting up our thoughts and imaginations to a higher level than thoughts of fear and loss, we can gain the reality of Christ's Kingdom in our lives.

Imagine this scenario

Imagine that you were walking by faith around the shores of Galilee with Jesus (or if Jesus is not yet the full focus of your heart, insert some other person you admire in his place). Would you be on your best behaviour? Would you be careful of your words? Would you brazenly be the judge of someone else in front of this person? Would you regard yourself as superior in attitude? Would you be commenting on someone else's manner of dress, the colour of their skin, their financial position, their homelessness or their rich position in respect of their house, car, career or doctrine or creed? Would you be partial or impartial?

My hope is that Christ has captivated your heart and your hope is in him and him alone and that you keep your heart and words in all godliness.

This can be a test of what really goes on in our heart. Our words reveal what is in our heart. We will stand judgement for every word that we have spoken. Jesus does not say this to condemn us, but to correct the hidden attitudes of our heart. Just imagine the next time you step out the door and go down the street and enter into conversation with other people or it may be the next conversation you have in your own home. Stand back and analyse what were your own words. The words that came out of your own heart. Were they the words that glorify Jesus or more profoundly, would they glorify the intentions and purposes of Jesus. Were your own words full of faith, love, compassion, mercy, kindness, gentleness or did they come from another place? Were they anti-gospel, men pleasing, gossip, judgemental or full of self-praise and self-ambition? Only you and the Lord know these things!

The truth of the gospel is that only God can change the heart and what proceeds from it, so in reality you stand before the judgement seat of Christ on a daily basis for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. To reveal what is in our heart is the mercy of God.

The bible encourages us to keep our heart with all diligence for out of it come the issues of life. We may fool others, we may fool ourselves, but we will never fool God. And as sure as God made little green apples, we can deceive ourselves. Be patient in suffering as God disciplines us in our own selves and truly believe God's intention is only for our good.

He will be with you in the fire – he will be with you in the flood. He will be with you in times of trouble. He will never leave you nor forsake you. To think or act in a manner that declares that God is not with you is a subtle form of saying "God you have broken your Covenant". We know of the one and the place where doubt and lies are kindled and it is a place of devilish wisdom.

Remember the Lord is with you always and is a silent listener to every conversation.

Let us walk and talk with the living truth that Jesus is with us at every moment. Let our Yes, be Yes and our No, be No.

Be of good courage and walk and talk in love and minister the heart of Jesus wherever you may be.

(Luke 21: 36) "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

May God the Father, Jesus the Son and God the Holy Spirit be praised for ever and ever.

Help us dear Lord in our weakness.

Bill and Sue (servants of Christ)
All Glory to God, Amen.

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*** Breaking News**

The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him. (Revelation 16: 8-9).