

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.

**The Promise of the Kingdom of Christ is with us Now!**

**Colossians 1: 6-14**

*All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

Dear Friends,

The portion of scripture above is filled with the way we should develop our prayer life in praying for one another. These prayers are filled with the promises that God has made to his children. A promise is unearned and is not dependent on anything other than the one who declares it.

**Romans 4: 24**

*And being fully persuaded that what he had promised he was able to perform.*

**Titus 1: 2**

*In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.*

**Hebrews 10: 23**

*Let us hold fast to the profession of our faith without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

(The one promising has the absolute authority to do so and it is His function to ensure the declaration comes to pass. The emphasis is on the declaration not the fulfillment – so then the recipient can have absolute trust that the declaration will be fulfilled. We must have faith in the declaration of a promise not when and how we think it should be fulfilled.)

**Romans 4: 13**

*For the promise that he should be heir of the world was not to Abraham or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.*

(The law cannot, will not and is not able to fulfil promises – the only way the promises will see their fulfilment is by the righteousness of faith. Faith in what God had promised Abraham was realised when Jesus came. Jesus is the fulfilment of all promises.)

**2 Corinthians 1: 20**

*For no matter how many promises God has made they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.*

(This unity of faith in Christ is the fulfilment of all promises and our acknowledgement of this truth becomes the "Amen" or "So be it" of our righteous confession.)

Now it is the Spirit of God within us that gently and truthfully allows us to live this life of godliness in Christ Jesus and manifest the life of God while we live in mortal flesh. The paradox is that we are dying to

the world of darkness and its lords and are now living unto God and manifesting his life through obedience to the one Sovereign Lord, Jesus Christ. The darkness is passing away and the true light is now shining.

Paul called upon God as his witness that he had no desire or intention to lord it over other men's faith, but to work with them in their joy of discovering the truth of the gospel because it was by faith that every man must stand. *Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith that you stand firm.* (2 Corinthians 1: 24).

All the promises of the old covenant were fulfilled when Christ Jesus the Messiah appeared in the flesh. All the promises to Abraham were not exclusively to the Israelite nation, but were to come upon the Gentile nations as well through Jesus Christ.

How were the promises to Abraham and his offspring fulfilled? Through the law or by faith?

Through Abraham's obedience by faith the requirements of the law could be fulfilled by the one sent by God. The one who was sent by God received the Spirit of God without measure. Jesus the Messiah, the Lamb of God not only bore our sin, he bore the wrath and the punishment that the law requires. Jesus went to the cross in the divine nature of the Lamb of God, which is the only way that could take away the sin of the world.

#### **Romans 4: 13-17**

*<sup>13</sup> It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. <sup>14</sup> For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, <sup>15</sup> because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring – not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. <sup>17</sup> As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed – the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.*

Jesus who is the fulfilment of the promise to Abraham in faith, walked in accordance to the laws demands. Yet, under extreme provocation he did not open his mouth and rail against his accusers, he bore their insults and curses without retaliation or revenge. He was led as a lamb to the slaughter. He knew the path he walked was the path chosen by God to bring the fallen creation back into right relationship to the Father. He knew the penalty required by justice had to be achieved in his own body before all men could be set free from sin and death. The way that Jesus met the challenge that hovered over the destiny of every man, woman or child born in Adam's likeness, was done through obedience, humility and meekness. For his obedience, he was granted authority over all flesh and was able to destroy the works of the devil. This is the power of God. The world in its darkness whether secular or spiritual, has not learnt the principles of salvation exercised by the Son of Righteousness at Calvary, it is unable to comprehend that might and retaliation is not the way of the Lord. The life of Christ cannot be gained nor achieved through the world's elemental systems. These systems may appear to solve the problems confronting all creation but they only have a limited life span and effect. We find the promises offered as solutions only give temporary relief and eventually die. The panacea of Caesar and Mammon are so ingrained and repetitive within the institutions, that it leads to despair for the seeker. The true believer must keep their eyes fixed on Jesus and God's promises to overcome the difficulties they are confronted with.

The promise made to Abraham that he would be heir of the world was echoed by the prophet Joel that God would pour out his Spirit on all flesh. This promise of Joel coupled with Abraham's promise has been fulfilled through the life and death of Jesus Christ. Not only was the whole world included in Jesus' death

on Calvary, but they were included in Joel's prophecy when the Father poured out his Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. On that day many people from all different tribes, clans and nations received the Holy Spirit poured out from Heaven. This event witnessed by all the disciples and over 100 more people did not register with them all until they were taught by the Lord. The Holy Spirit was clearly active in directing these men by compelling them to believe that the way of the Lord is for all men. (Read Acts 11).

The Apostle Peter who was there on the day of Pentecost was later fully involved in the events at Joppa where he was confronted by three men from Caesarea. As Peter preached the gospel the Holy Spirit came upon these men as it had come upon himself in the upper room on Pentecost day.

Then Peter remembered.

### **Acts 11: 16-18**

*<sup>16</sup> "Then I remembered what the Lord has said: John baptised in water, but you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit. <sup>17</sup> So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?" <sup>18</sup> When they heard this, they had no further objections and they praised God, saying "so then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life."*

### **Galatians 3: 14**

*He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.*

The promise God made in his redemption plan was that all mankind that believed the gospel, might receive the Spirit of God to lead and guide them into all truth. The Holy Spirit which comes from God is full of wisdom, and is gentle, kind hearted and compassionate and never "over-rides" the testimony of Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit of God in essence, always ministers grace and mercy, upholds truth and warns us and enables us to overcome all obstacles that we encounter in this world. We shall know the truth and the truth will set us free.

The truth is in Jesus and whom the Son sets free is free indeed.

The disciple who wholly submits to God's plan and purpose will always enter through the straight gate and will always enter through the door. Jesus said, "I am the door and all who came before me were thieves and robbers".

To try to achieve God's purpose and plan some other way than obedience to Jesus Christ is futile, temporary and will lead to shifting sand. Those that cast a shadow between you and Jesus are to be avoided, but must be prayed for, asking God that He would grant them repentance unto life.

In the realm of kingdom thinking there is no superior or inferior, master or slave, there is only unity of purpose and direction by the Holy Spirit. Therein each individual is granted gifts to enhance the advancement of Christ's kingdom and glory.

Many will claim the kingdom of God is yet to come and that it will be in the "end time", this depends on what you regard as the "end time". Many interpret this with their natural minds and this causes men to delay the coming of the Lord. God's word is always spoken from the future, back into the times and the disciple who lives by that promise will live from the future back into the present.

In other word's the kingdom of Christ is the reality of the future kingdom in the here and now and those that live according to the Spirit of God will live now in accordance to the coming kingdom. (Read our guiding text Colossians 1: 6-14).

We are called as a kingdom now according to the Apostle John.

## **Revelation 1: 5-6**

<sup>5</sup> ..... *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever.*

We are a kingdom now and this occurs when we allow Christ to reign in our hearts by faith.

The kingdom of darkness has a king (Satan).

Where there is a king there is a kingdom: -

The kingdom of light has a king (Jesus).

The kingdom we receive now is by promise and is a declaration and this declaration will be fulfilled. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed or hidden that will not be made known. Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit will reveal all.

Again in the book of Revelation it says.

## **Revelation 1: 9**

*I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

John is talking in the past tense that the kingdom was already here and his suffering was because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. Many claim they are suffering for Christ's sake but it is because of some other cause. Unbelief and sin are rampant in this world and undue suffering is caused through Caesar and Mammon worship. There will be a day when through Christ's suffering and his testimony men will believe and overcome every other false lord, false declaration, false kingdom, false belief, but until that day we must stay true to what has been disclosed and walk in the light of the glory of God which is revealed in the face of Jesus Christ. The only true and righteous suffering is when we are walking in the gospel of truth and obeying God our Father rather than the dictates of the evil one. Though Satan is an unseen director, he does his work by corrupting every institution ordained by God. These institutions and authorities were given by God for man's benefit, yet they have been distorted and what was meant for good has been used to keep men, women and children in poverty of mind with an ever present consciousness of fear. This comes from a wisdom from beneath, that is first natural, sensual, then devilish.

- A fear of failure
- A fear of being unloved
- A fear of death
- A fear of lack
- A fear of disaster
- A fear of the future

From this fear comes all the false promises and ideologies inherited through Adam and causes men to disobey the truth. Now through Christ they are without excuse.

The scripture says; *The reverential fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.* (Proverbs 9: 10).

The scripture teaching is that we are living in a sin darkened world that has defaulted in trusting God and his purpose. The true believer can and does inherit the promises of God, and can and does live in the kingdom of Christ while he lives in this vessel of clay. His direction is now heaven-ward and his King is the Sovereign Lord, Jesus Christ. His determination is to find the will of God and be conformed to the image of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This may present itself as an easy task but we are reminded by scripture to persevere.

## **Hebrews 10: 35-39**

<sup>35</sup> *So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.* <sup>36</sup> *You need to persevere so that when*

*you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. <sup>37</sup> for just in a little while, he who is coming will come and will not delay. <sup>38</sup> But my righteous one will live by faith and if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. <sup>39</sup> But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed but of those who believe and are saved.*

We must remember that salvation is of the Lord and his path is the path that must be travelled. But we must also remember the Lord is full of compassion and mercy and is kind to the unthankful and the evil. We must not take the Lord's loving kindness as the singular aspect of God. Yes, he always reaches out to the broken-hearted and those that struggle with sin and disobedience. The Father knows the heart and can determine genuineness from false intentions. We are reminded in the book of Hebrews that all sons will be disciplined and not all discipline is pleasant. We must remember we are called to be disciples and being a disciple means "a disciplined one". We are ever instructed to keep our eyes on Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

### **Hebrews 12: 3-7**

*<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. <sup>4</sup> In your struggle against sin you have not resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup> And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons. My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, <sup>6</sup> because the Lord disciplines those he loves and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. <sup>7</sup> Endure hardship as discipline, God is treating you as sons.*

This might seem like a hard saying, but because our own hearts are deceitfully wicked we must receive instruction and Godly truth from the Lord. The Lord is the Spirit and his word is truth. Men and women who do not walk in the Spirit of Christ and accept the discipline of the Lord, will never interpret and divide the word correctly according to truth. These wandering stars, scar the word and it congeals into denominational formulas that enhance their hold over the souls of men. It is not natural for fallen creation to obey the living God. Only God can open the darkened mind, only God can renew a right spirit within us, only God can create a clean heart within us, only God can call us out of darkness into the true light that lighteth every man that comes into this world. The way of redemption is the way of the cross and the way of the cross is in humility and meekness. Our weakness is known by God and he asks us to dispel our pride and aloofness and allow his strength to make us stand. Our weakness is the limitation that we find ourselves in. This limitation is not sin, but sin uses this limitation to captivate us and drag us down. When we put our trust in the arm of the flesh, in Princes and natural power, this will not bring us into Christ's kingdom. No priest, no pope, no archbishop, no conglomeration of elders, no denomination, no power, no authority can open the kingdom door. Jesus is the one who holds the keys to the kingdom and the defences of hades or Satan's devices cannot prevail against his power. This kingdom of Christ comes not by outward appearance, it is a kingdom not of this world, this kingdom is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit and those that serve Christ in this manner are pleasing to God and to man. Jesus is the only one who has the keys to this kingdom and is the only one who can open the door to this kingdom. He opens the door and gives the keys to his disciplined ones. He opens the door to the humble and the meek – he opens the door to those who seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Ask and it shall be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened unto you. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by the Son.

Within the compassion and mercy of God there is a straight gate that must be entered before we can enjoy the promises of God. We understand the scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation through Jesus Christ. Salvation is a once and for all thing, yet, it is ongoing and continues to be ongoing, therefore, the true disciple will always be seeking Christ and his kingdom. There is never a place where a true believer can come to a state of completion or perfection whilst they live in the body of this death.

The fulfilment of the kingdom of Christ is accomplished in the glory realm and when we see Him we will be like Him. We are changed from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Therefore, godliness with contentment is great gain and those that suppose that it is a means to financial gain from them we are to withdraw ourselves. Love of money and empirical dominance lead to false doctrine, conceitedness, no understanding, unhealthy belief in controversies and conspiracy theories, evil talk and constant friction between men of corrupt minds, who have been robbed of the truth. All scripture is God-breathed and useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God can be thoroughly equipped for every good work. The Holy Spirit always brings Christ's words to our remembrance so that we can live Godly lives. There is a cost in being a disciple of Jesus.

#### **Luke 14: 28**

*Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying this fellow began to build and was not able to finish.*

Prior to this statement in Luke 14, Jesus turned to large crowds who were following him and said.

#### **Luke 14: 26-27, 33**

*<sup>26</sup> "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes – even his own life – he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Any anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.*

This scripture may appear to us as a teaching, a rebuke, a correction or a training in righteousness. We see that in the Luke 14 script, there are three (3) cannot's.

This scripture certainly captures our attention.

We read throughout scripture the teachings of the prophets and the law advocate unity within the family and all laws were intended to maintain family obligations. Jesus is certainly not advocating the hatred of the family unit and its disintegration, NO, he is calling for a higher discipline or teaching of what family means. Every family since the fall is fraught with struggles against rebellion, sin, greed, treachery, unkindness, fear, immorality and disunity. In the kingdom of Christ which is the family of God these failures do not exist. The first human family of Adam and Eve were tortured by the usurper over God's people, he instigated disobedience, rebellion and fear. Satan who only knows how to lie, kill and destroy, taught Cain how to murder and slay his brother Abel.

The Bible says Cain was of the evil one. (1 John 3: 12).

The new and living way of the new creation is achieved by carrying our cross and walking as Jesus walked by overcoming the lies of the wicked one and walking in the truth. We cannot be a disciple and walk in the kingdom of Christ without this dedication. This is not a method to exempt you from entering Christ's kingdom, no, it is the way of the Lord. It is an invitation to trust the Lord. We as disciples must overcome the natural pull of family ties and endure all threats and persecutions that come our way when we follow Christ. To do this out of self-ambition or false reasons will only bring more misunderstanding and destruction. We must learn to lose our old way of living and to gain the new way of life, this can only be achieved by using the principles of obedience, humility and meekness that Jesus used. These ethics of grace are taught to us by the Holy Spirit through the word.



Firstly, we must give our all to God the Father and Jesus and love them with all our heart and strength, then we must love our family, our neighbour and our enemies with the same heart with which we love the Lord.

It may be difficult to understand everything in the Bible, but it is not difficult to understand the compassion and the love that God our Father reveals in Jesus Christ and all his works. Jesus' love is never ending and he loves us even when we are being wayward and undisciplined. Remember, discipline is for our benefit and no discipline endures forever, but brings a joy that comes with understanding in the morning.

The kingdom of Christ is silently working throughout the earth bringing grace and truth to many hearts and minds. Even now the leavening power of the first lump is bringing freedom and liberty to all those who seek Christ with all their heart. Nothing can stop the promise of the kingdom of Christ being fulfilled in the hearts and souls of men. God the Father intended it from before the foundation of the world and will accomplish it to his good pleasure. Are you bound in institutional systems built by the natural minds of men? They cry out as reformers with new doctrines and new ideas about God's plan for men. The one thing that man in his natural state and understanding cannot improve upon is the kingdom of Christ. The kingdom of God never needs reforming or improvement, it is reliable and constant, the same as every promise of God.

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever.

Our hearts and minds do need renewing through a new birth, but never does God's kingdom need reforming or improvement.

#### **Acts 10: 38**

*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

Jesus the Christ brought the kingdom near and amongst us, he came from heaven to earth and with him came the glory of the knowledge of God. He under the power of the Holy Spirit brought the fruit of the future generation unto a sinful and disobedient generation. Those that obeyed him in faith enjoyed the fruits of righteousness and were healed. Those who opposed and fought against him remained under God's wrath and judgement. These two generations exist today, but, be it far from us to choose who is in or out of God's plan. Our requirement under this new covenant of grace is to obey God and to serve Christ with our whole heart. To be in the generation of the "Righteous One" all have to be crucified with Christ and be crucified to the world and the world crucified to them. Those that love the world do not have the love of the Father. This love that the world manifests is not an enduring love, but is a love that falters and stumbles because of the truth revealed in the gospel. Men are offended at the call of the cross and always seek other ways to worship God, rather than in spirit and in truth. They invent various ways to worship God and each way is an idol. Seen or unseen this idol worship is inspired by Satan. It will exalt men above the station God alone allows. Men will misapply scripture just as Satan misapplied scripture to Jesus in the wilderness. Satan will offer to men the seen kingdoms of this world and their glory, rather than the unseen kingdom of Christ and his glory. Men will be offered a puppet king to rule over them, they will cry out "*send us a man to lead us*" just as the children of Israel cried out to God for a king and were given Saul as their king. This displeased God and he gave them the desires of their heart, but sent leanness into their soul. But just like everything that is against the will of God, it will implode and bring misery and disgrace. Men so captivated by their own dreams of reality will apply every known earthly power to keep their false kingdoms alive. They will use nationalism, capitalism, communism, patriotism, fascism, extremism, and many other ideologies to keep their power. When this doesn't bring the desired

result, they will use force in the form of lies and intimidation, disunity and exclusion, fighting's, threats and wars, and any other form of evil to bring about their demands.

The kingdom of God does not work this way. The kingdom of Christ never uses force to bring light to this world. It does not use the power of numbers to gain ascendancy from sin and fear. This is why King David was rebuked when he numbered Israel. *"It is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit says the Lord"*. (Zechariah 4: 6). The power of the Holy Spirit of love, humility and meekness is the untried method which natural men are reluctant to use to resolve conflict. God can do more with a remnant than man can do with ten thousand.

It could be said that Moses used this method to bring the people of Israel out of bondage and slavery. Why? Because scripture says that Moses was the meekest man in all the earth. It must be declared that Moses only used the word of the Lord to deliver the Israelites from Egyptian bondage and he never resorted to using force. But prior to fleeing to Midian, Moses was not averse to using force to gain his desired result. Nevertheless, Moses in his meekness could only apply deliverance for the nation of Israel and in truth his nature could not open the door for himself to enter the promised land. But in time it would prove that it required ONE more humble, more meek than Moses to open a greater door, the door to the kingdom of God. This door would be open not only to the Israelites, but was now open to the whole world if they believed. *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son*, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3: 16).

The humble ONE was Jesus Christ, who not only opened the door but was the door and was the forerunner for every man that believed to be enabled to enter His kingdom. Jesus not only entered the kingdom himself, he invited all men to follow him in. We now live in the declaration of the promised kingdom but we live by faith and love that springs from hope that is stored up for us in heaven. The end of the world has come to this faithful generation and they now anticipate the end of time and the beginning of eternity. To as many as God has chosen and who have entered Christ's kingdom (a multitude that cannot be numbered) then, the open door will be closed and that which God has promised will come to pass. Every generation in history since Christ has been offered this very same promise and while the earth remains every future generation will be offered this promise. All this will be to the praise and glory of God.

Not only will we experience the release from captivity which is our portion now, but we will experience "captivity taken captive" and there will be no other King and no other kingdom than the kingdom of Christ, which will then be offered up to God the Father and then God the Father will be all in all.

Jesus saves.

Hallelujah.

"Let God arise and his enemies be scattered."

Our God reigns.

All glory to God the Father.

Bill and Sue (servants of Christ)

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