

July 2025 Message

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.

Escape as a bird out of the snare of the fowler and enjoy the liberty of Christ,  
because it was for liberty that Christ set us free.

**1 Corinthians 3: 1-23**

<sup>1</sup> Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. <sup>3</sup> You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not mere men? <sup>5</sup> What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. <sup>6</sup> I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. <sup>7</sup> So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. <sup>8</sup> The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labour. <sup>9</sup> For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. <sup>10</sup> By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> If anyone 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 has been 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 anyone 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.

Dear Friends,

Paul the apostle of Christ, considered himself as a wise master builder or architect of the building that was the new temple within the kingdom of God. He considered himself a servant of Christ in his divine mission and regarded his title as an apostle of less significance than his vocation or calling. His claim that any true servant of Jesus Christ as the Lord of all, must build upon a new foundation that no man could lay, but that all construction and building must be according to the instructions of Almighty God. This new foundation that was laid by God the Father was his only begotten Son, the Lamb of God – Jesus Christ. Any departure from this pattern from heaven will ultimately manifest as wood, hay or straw and would be burnt in the fire. Jesus is not only the foundation, he is the cornerstone and the capstone. To stray from the truth that is in Jesus, will cause error and will crumble, and all these vain works will be destroyed as by fire. This is why we see institutional organisations collapsing and churches losing their relevance.

What is the building of God within his Kingdom?

Is it a church?

Does this building exist in the seen realm?

### **Acts 17: 24-27**

<sup>24</sup> *The God who made the world and everything in it, is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from every one of us.*

Jesus, greatly emphasised to his followers, his description of the building which he would build to contain the glory of God. This was not understood by his disciples at that time or by naturally minded men who totally misinterpreted his words.

### **John 2: 18-22**

<sup>18</sup> *Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" <sup>19</sup> Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." <sup>20</sup> The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" <sup>21</sup> But the temple he had spoken of was his body. <sup>22</sup> After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.*

The body of Christ which is made up of true believers in Christ is the new temple that God is building and the head of this body is Christ. If anyone destroys the building of this unity in Christ that occurs within the kingdom of God – God himself will destroy. Every person born of God through the new birth is now a member of the body of Christ and has become a living stone and is a living member of the temple of God within Christ's kingdom. We are the living stones that Christ builds his temple from. We may look like "grey granite" on the outside, but on the inside we are the true gemstones that sparkle with the glorious riches of the Lord, according to what Isaiah prophesied.

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

<sup>11</sup> *"O afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will build 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 created the destroyer to work 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.*

Everyone born of God is granted the power which comes out from the glorious riches of Christ within them and can be strengthened in the inner man to comprehend with all the saints in humility and gentleness their promised inheritance. This is granted and achieved through faith in Jesus Christ.

### **Ephesians 3: 14 – 4: 15**

<sup>3:14</sup> *For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the ecclesia and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

<sup>4:1</sup> As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ appointed it.

<sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

*“When he ascended on high,  
He led captives in his train  
And gave gifts to men.”*

<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

The gifts such as apostles, prophets etc. were given unto men with a purpose, not to elevate them into some hierarchal elevated elite, but to humbly grow the people of God into a “built up” temple for God’s habitation, a living example of the kingdom’s power emanating from heaven above and working in and through God’s people.

This savour or aroma of life, will to some bring truth and faith but to others it will be the opposite, but in all – all things are of God.

## **2 Corinthians 2: 14-17**

<sup>14</sup> But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. <sup>15</sup> For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. <sup>16</sup> To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? <sup>17</sup> Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God.

This confidence that we are walking in the light of life belongs to those who like Christ live from the age to come and though living in the old age they overcome it through Christ who strengthens them. The old age of darkness is passing away and the new enlightenment of the age to come is overflowing in holiness and truth.

## **2 Corinthians 3: 4-6**

<sup>4</sup> Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. <sup>6</sup> He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant – not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

This gospel is the declaration of good news, otherwise it would not be the gospel.

This gospel is good news that there is a new covenant ratified in the shed blood of God’s only begotten Son.

This holy precious Son fulfilled the broken law of commandments, fulfilled every prophesy, was sent of God, received the Spirit of truth without measure, came in the flesh like Adam yet without sin and was tempted in all points as we are. He opened not his mouth in judgemental accusation against his oppressors, was cursed upon the cross in separation from his Father, died, died the death according to the scriptures,

and in patient suffering anticipation he waited three days until his Father raised him out from among the dead. In the resurrection a new creation was birthed in power of life everlasting to be shared with all who would follow him in the regeneration.

The new birth, the new creation, the kingdom of the Son of his love is now where God dwells in all his glory, within the new temple – the body of Christ. We are God's temple, we are God's building, and every true ministry gift from God, will adhere to this teaching. We are the new dwelling place where God the Father and his Son dwell by the power of the Holy Spirit. The headship of this body belongs to Jesus forever in eternity and we are servants of the head throughout eternity. Yet, every cell of this body enjoys the accomplishments of the head.

It is only the Holy Spirit who can open our ears to hear and open our eyes to see that God fills our sinful hearts with his glory. He that has not the Spirit of Christ are none of his.

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

*My God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

These are not the riches of this world that many false teachers preach, no, they are the riches of glory. These riches of glory are like precious stones described in our guiding text of 1 Corinthians 3: 12, 13. [<sup>12</sup> *If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,* <sup>13</sup> *their 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 person's work.*]

The riches of glory are the building materials of faith, love and truth that constitute the temple of God that God inhabits in his righteous kingdom. God gives the power, God gives the guidance on how it is built, God gives the materials from which to build, God gives the gifts, God gives the strength, God gives the blue print of its construction. We are the living stones God builds his holy habitation from, and love drawn from the head which is Christ, is what provides the glue of unity that makes us one in the Spirit.

#### **Colossians 1: 25-29**

<sup>25</sup> *I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness – <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

The fullness of the completion of the mystery of the gospel, is when Christ appears in fullness within all true believers in this present evil age, what is true (Christ in you) is known by faith and exercised by love. Though yet not openly seen, it will be made manifest.

Yes, there is a struggle and a battle going on to bring this holy belief to its fulfilment even among those that claim they know Christ. We as believers, cannot and will not judge who is in and who is out. But, we can discern this by the Spirit of God, by their fruit. This gives us more incentive to pray for those that are rebellious or blinded. There is only one lawgiver and judge and we can as believers pray and forgive all those that trespass and have forgotten the will and purpose of God for their lives. Many lust for other things than Christ alone, but this will be found to be wood, hay and straw.

#### **1 John 5: 13-21**

<sup>13</sup> *I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him. <sup>16</sup> If anyone sees his brother commit a sin that does not lead to death, he should pray and God will give him life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am*

*not saying that he should pray about that. <sup>17</sup> All wrongdoing is sin, and there is sin that does not lead to death. <sup>18</sup> We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; the one who was born of God keeps him safe, and the evil one cannot harm him. <sup>19</sup> We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one. <sup>20</sup> We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true – even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. <sup>21</sup> Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.*

What tolerance, what abhorrence of evil the Holy Spirit has strengthened us with. We can truly say of ourselves, this power is not of us, but of Christ who grants us such strength. We, like Paul, would wish ourselves accursed so that all without the knowledge of Christ might come into the realm of quiet rest, near to the heart of God which is his kingdom where Christ reigns as Lord.

Ask and it shall be given thee,  
Seek and you shall find,  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you.

The greatest privilege and honour in this life, is to ask God for the salvation of a sinners lost soul to be granted the ability to see the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ unto salvation.

Bill and Sue (servants of Christ).

#### **P.S.**

Jesus speaking to his disciples in (Mark 4: 11-12).

*<sup>11</sup> He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you. But to those on the outside everything is said in parables <sup>12</sup> so that,*

*“they may be ever seeing but never perceiving,  
and every hearing but never understanding;  
otherwise they might turn and be forgiven.*

The key to understanding is to firstly acknowledge your sin of unbelief.

*“Lord Jesus, I believe, help me in my unbelief”. (Mark 9: 24).*

He that comes to God must believe he exists and he is a rewarder of those that diligently seek him. We must turn from our unbelief and ask forgiveness. God's mercy and love will come to us in the face of Jesus Christ. We receive Jesus by faith in God's word and then make him Lord of our lives. The Holy Spirit will come into our lives as promised and will bring to our remembrance the teachings of Jesus Christ. The scriptures will confirm the Holy Spirit's teachings. We need to read the scriptures and we will be encouraged by the word of Christ within them.

Grow in the grace and knowledge the Lord Jesus Christ who is the express image and representation of Almighty God and is God's only begotten Son. Only the Lamb of God can take away the sin of the world, all other methods are in vain.

Amen.