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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 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.

**There is no other as wonderful as Jesus Christ our Lord**  
**And his Glorious Father**

Dear Friends,

We have just passed through the festive season the world has created that is endorsed by so-called Christians. This worldly charade riddled with pagan symbols and idolatrous practices masquerades as a celebration of the birth of Christ.

We as ambassadors of Christ withdraw with repugnance from the partaking of idolatry, but at the same time, never resolve from honouring the name of Jesus Christ, because even if it is spoken of out of envy and misguided rhetoric, we know there is power in His name.

We here at the church built of living stones, know that many things are presented in Jesus' name and that not all things are holy. Never the less, we know that we are sinners saved by the grace of God and we by faith in God's righteous acts and knowledge he has granted all of us mercy through Jesus Christ our Lord. Through faith in Jesus Christ we do not let sin have dominion over us, but live in constant reliance, trust and obedience to God's word through the power of the Holy Spirit. Sin and unbelief are too powerful for us to overcome of our own free will. We need the help and guidance of one who is far greater than sin itself. He is our only hope of righteousness before God.

On a great and fearful day, the Lord appeared to us as a lamb slain to take away the sin of the world. Although we live in a body of flesh that has a total bias to live in sin through the sinful nature, the Lord in his great mercy appeared, and in his own body took our sin and cancelled all the ordinances that condemned us then in his own sinless body he took the punishment for our sin and trespasses and nailed them to the tree on Calvary.

Although we are sinners living in rebellion and sinful trespass, fear and unbelief, we are changed by the grace of God to become like Jesus Christ in manner, disposition and likeness by the power of love.

We can say with every truly born again believer that we have entered a new kingdom from which all the true heavenly endorsements come.

We are no longer defined by our sins, trespasses and weaknesses, we are defined by Christ and Christ's resurrection power alone for our beliefs and future.

Although every other man on earth defines us by natural judgement, we know we are defined by God's judgement that comes to our house and declares that "this sinner by God's grace is mine". Who makes this overwhelming judgement of us? It is the one who created all things for his pleasure and for his glory. His name is wonderful, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – Jesus our Redeemer.

Judgement must begin in the house of God – whose house we are if we believe in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ builds this house and no other person on earth, or heaven can build this house within a kingdom of everlasting righteousness.

In the past and in older covenants, God's house was a tent in the wilderness or a temple of stone, but in these last days the temple is the Lord's body. The house of God is not a church building, a synagogue, or a temple, or a cathedral, or a mosque. So let the text of scripture inform you.

### **John 2: 12-25**

*<sup>12</sup> After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples. There they stayed for a few days. <sup>13</sup> When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup> In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. <sup>15</sup> So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup> To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" <sup>17</sup> His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." <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. <sup>23</sup> Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many people saw the miraculous signs he was doing and believed in his name. <sup>24</sup> But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. <sup>25</sup> He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man.*

In the new covenant the new temple of God is the body of Christ made up of the true believers in Jesus Christ who live in a kingdom not of this world.

The true believer is in a constant state of repentance from dead works and having faith toward God at all times. The true believer is always mindful of the grace of God and is in a constant state of confession in faith towards God because of his own sinfulness and the awesome majesty of God's holiness. This sinful creature is granted forgiveness on the basis of Christ's sacrificial shed blood on the cross and not the sinner's confession of his sin. The confession of sin is brought about by the understanding of Christ's love and sacrifice. The true realisation of God's love and mercy and his everlasting kindness to all sinners wipes the role of judgement from our jurisdiction and relieves us of the burden of judging other sinners.

When God's judgement appears to us, we are undone by his holiness and majestic power. We are humbled and our cry for mercy is echoed in heaven's chambers and there is only one who can appease the almighty and that is Jesus our merciful High Priest who presents and pleads our case. He is our advocate in heaven and his advocate on earth is the Holy Spirit who reveals our prayer for mercy has been answered.

This is how a sinner can be freed from the penalty and condemnation of sin while still living in a body of flesh whilst on earth. This truth cannot be ministered by any other than Jesus Christ the Lord through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Only the meek will inherit the earth.

Only the humble will be exalted.

Only those who put their trust in Jesus Christ are granted the righteousness of faith before God.

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the true and wise God. We as sinners are granted the heavenly mind that was in Christ Jesus, if we humble ourselves under God's mighty hand and allow the Holy Spirit to work his redeeming word in our heart.

Every covenant of old granted freedoms to bring men to liberty, but because of their blindness to Satan's wiles, this liberty never became a reality. They were granted blood sacrifices of animals and priesthoods to clear their consciences of sin and guilt, but freedom from the slavery to sin and death eluded the worshippers. The whole world lies in this bondage and slavery at this very hour and cannot produce the requirements of God.

They pleaded for a king like the pagans had, but none of these kings could portray the loving kindness and truth of the almighty. King David though a seeker still failed and broke the covenant relationship. The kings of Israel and Judah show a pattern of rebellion, disobedience and idolatry. The world forsakes the mercies of God and lives in this corruption and blindness today.

The nation of Israel was granted the temple worship and rituals to keep the house clean for the presence of God, but they still broke the covenantal relationship and turned the dwelling place or house of God into a den of thieves. They wash the outer clean, but inside are ravening wolves.

Christ came (the promised one) and humbled himself and walked among sinners never taking any honour to himself but always giving the honour and the glory to his Father. He fulfilled and rightly interpreted the law and its demands and brought the promise of the coming kingdom of God to all men. First to the nation of Israel then to the Gentiles. The greatest institution (the law) given to mankind, was so corrupted by sinful minds that the religious rulers used the commandments of the law to justify themselves for crucifying the Lord of Glory.

The holy law that God had given was so misinterpreted by naturally minded religious men they became agents of Satan to destroy the Holy One – Jesus Christ.

#### **John 19: 7**

*The Jews insisted, "We have a law, and according to that law he must die, because he claimed to be the Son of God."*

If the truest institution ever given to mankind from God was the law, and this was corrupted by sin and the devil, then propagated by human agents, this has a logical conclusion that every other institution among men can be corrupted whether it be political, social or religious. The whole world lies in wickedness and religious rulers hinder and prevent believers from entering their promised inheritance of God's kingdom.

This is why Jesus alone is entrusted to build his "dwelling place" for all eternity. The new covenant is a covenant that is built upon an agreement between God and God's Son. This covenant was fulfilled and ratified with flying colours by Christ for everyone who would believe.

Now if any man puts his trust in Jesus Christ for their righteousness, God the Father will declare this sinner a new creation and grant them to live in Christ's covenant kingdom. This new covenant is a covenant of unity that cannot be broken by sinful men. This covenant is ratified by the blood of the Lamb and is endorsed by the Holy Spirit. No rituals or doctrines of men endorse it. Every other covenant has a legacy of being broken. The reason the new covenant is an unbroken covenant is because God the Father does not lie, and Jesus the Son is the truth.

Jesus was faithful from his birth as a man in the likeness of sinful flesh by the way he carried out his purpose, through obedience to what his Father told him and what he saw his Father do. This is called the “way” in scripture. His mission was unique and he uniquely fulfilled it for us. The disciple obeys the “way” of the Lord when they follow Jesus – the way, the truth and the life.

All that came before him were thieves and robbers and could not achieve the marvellous works of Christ Jesus. Thieves and robbers steal the glory that belongs to Jesus Christ as Lord and desire the glory, honour and praise for themselves. The thieves and robbers try to come into God’s kingdom some other way than through the door. The Holy Spirit brings us to the straight and narrow door that is Christ and teaches us to be taught of the Lord.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life and no one comes to the Father but through him. No one can raise you from the dead and give you eternal life except God the Father, by the Spirit through Jesus Christ.

Many come in his name and say he is here or he is over there, don’t listen to them because they are deceivers and cannot give nor take you to what Christ alone can give and take you to. Jesus Christ’s narrow pathway always leads the sinner to the Father’s glory in a kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy. A kingdom of promise that will manifest God’s glory.

There are preachers that preach a false gospel. They preach the false gospel of the demons of mammon just like the Pharisees that crucified Jesus and they live in kingdoms built on shifting sand and not upon the rock which is Christ.

#### **Luke 16: 13-15**

*<sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. <sup>14</sup> The Pharisees who loved money heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He said to them you are the ones justifying yourselves in the eyes of men, but God knows your hearts. What is highly valued among men is detestable in God’s sight.*

What men hid in their hearts was revealed, the sneering of the Pharisees was full of repugnance and wilful disobedience towards Jesus and this sneering was equivalent to “blowing snot” out of their noses and spitting at him.

The reason the preachers of today not only preach the law of the tithe and offerings instead of trusting in the supply of heavenly riches in Christ Jesus, is because they are like the Pharisees who love money. They rely on money to build and uphold institutions, edifices and buildings that give their ungodly practices false legitimacy.

What do you think will be the modern day Pharisees reaction to this message?

There is not a religious institution that does not take up offerings in their so called Sabbath day worship services. They have misused Paul’s writings of bringing their offerings on the first day of the week. Paul was fulfilling a vow he made to the Apostles in Jerusalem that he would ‘remember the poor’.

Who were the poor?

They were widows, orphans and the new believers in Jerusalem who had been stripped of their goods and possessions and were denied any help from the temple offerings. There were high costs

involved to believe in Jesus as Christ the Lord. Paul was now advising the Gentile believers to lay aside a certain amount of giving each first day of the week so it would not be a burden on them to give the bulk to him when he passed by on his way to take the offering to Jerusalem. If you read the new testament writings correctly, you will see Paul was fulfilling his vow to help the saints in Jerusalem. He encouraged the Gentiles to give to the Jews materially for what they had given to the Gentiles spiritually.

Today, the religious institutions are similar to financial businesses that operate as the world does and get entangled with the systems and methods that Jesus disendorsed. They build their ministries and denominations on the back of old covenant teachings and corrupt the new covenant law of giving and receiving.

Under the old covenants the mediation was through angels who operate in a hierarchal system. Under the new covenant the mediation is through the son to sons. This is why all institutions though ordained by God are liable to corruption. The evil angel the Devil has coerced most institutions to operate in his methods of hierarchy, which is superior over inferior. The new covenant in Christ does not operate in superior over inferior, but operates in humility of wisdom where all are servants and sons of the Most High God. Jesus the Son of God came as a servant not to be served. The highest honour in Christ's kingdom is to be a servant. If you desire the highest dominion and title as the world follows, you are serving Satan. If you think more highly about yourself than you ought to think and do not have the mind of Christ, you have misread the scriptures and have not yet grasped the fundamental principles of Christ. The law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets us free from any other known law and it is the law of love that determines if you are in the kingdom of God.

The dwelling place of Jesus and the Holy Spirit is the human heart and your own heart will tell you whom you serve. Don't lie to yourself. To be born of God, the only law that matters is the love of God shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit. Never let the left hand know what you are giving – what we have freely received, freely give. This cruse of oil we have been given will never run dry.

The demon inspired love of mammon and the corrupted institutional practice of "Caesar like" empirical and hierarchal systems that garnish titles and names upon themselves to appear higher and superior to others is not the kingdom of God.

The true servant of Christ and his kingdom does not climb the ladder to gain success but always takes the lower rung of the ladder and walks the way of Jesus, never making a reputation for themselves but always exalting Jesus as Lord. This is true success. This is kingdom living.

We are not to be lords over God's heritage. We must encourage all to be taught of the Lord in humility against all odds.

Jesus made himself of no reputation but humbled himself and through his humility and meekness draws all men to himself.

Although Jesus was born under the old covenant, he was heralding in the new covenant when he departed from the temple as the dwelling place of God and declared the new house of God is his body. His ministry of destroying Satan's kingdom began with his baptism in the river Jordan and was fulfilled with his baptism into death at Calvary.

**Matthew 24: 1-2**

<sup>1</sup> *Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. <sup>2</sup> “Do you see all these things?” he asked. “I tell you the truth, not one stone here will be left on another; everyone will be thrown down.”*

The very hour that Jesus died on the cross the Holy Spirit left the temple and entered the new dwelling place on the day of Pentecost. The presence of God was no longer in the most holy place, but was entering into the hearts of believers. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself and now the Spirit of Christ was about to dwell in the believer's heart.

The very moment Jesus gave up his spirit, the curtain in the temple was rent and the presence of God left the most holy place in the temple and 50 days later descended on all flesh as believers were baptised in the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 27: 50-51**

<sup>50</sup> *And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. <sup>51</sup> At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split.*

Men have returned to dead works and believe the temples they build are the house of God and the only evidence they can justify for their beliefs come from the old covenant scriptures.

Where does Christ dwell today? in the new covenant that abides between God and God. Between the Father and the Son, a covenant that cannot be broken. A covenant that neither requires mammon or Caesar like hierarchal procedures built on elemental systems that only justify false interpretations of holy scripture. Christ dwells in the believer's heart through faith and promise.

Remember the apostle Peter's words – “silver and gold have I none, but in the name of Jesus, rise up and walk”.

**Colossians 2: 8**

*See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.*

The new covenant upholds the same principles and truths which were ingrained in every other covenant, but these truths were hidden and concealed because of the unrepentant hardened hearts of men who were captivated by Satan's schemes. It takes the power of the Holy Spirit through love and humility to unlock and free us from these “heart hardening” schemes that lack faith.

The promise of God “*I will never leave you nor forsake you*” was in every covenant, but was not believed upon.

**Deuteronomy 31: 8**

*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

**Psalms 94: 14**

*For the Lord will not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance.*

**Hebrews 13: 5**

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God said “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you”.*

Jesus endured being forsaken of his Father that you might never be forsaken from him.

This is the mind of a true servant who will forego everything for others so that God the Father may be glorified.

Where is the dwelling place of God now if he is not in the churches and institutions of this world?

Jesus Christ is as close as the very next breath you breathe. He is the resurrection and the life and if you lower yourself and humble yourself and repent of your ungodly practices and stop making excuses for your arrogant and self-seeking ambitions, then Christ will appear in the sinner's heart. What is impossible with men is possible with God. We should love his appearing.

### **Revelation 3: 19-20**

*<sup>19</sup> Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. <sup>20</sup> Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

Jesus never came for the righteous, but for the sinner. There were none righteous, for all were declared sinners so that God could have mercy on us all. We as sinners must admit our blindness to this truth and allow God to build his kingdom within us. We must stop building false kingdoms and calling them "built of God". These institutions and religious denominations that exist were built upon division, greed, murder, wars and every falsehood that can be named and in their arrogance they say, "we are the righteous ones". They believe in their superiority and appear outwardly clean, but they use Christ's name to gain their authority without the unity of the Spirit.

Can you hear Satan's voice in all this? or do you hear the Shepherd's voice and obey the call of the righteous one. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.

Our righteousness, our faith, our knowledge, our wisdom, our understanding, our holiness is a gift that reaches way past the comprehension of life that the world gives. This comprehension is gained through the ever giving, ever laying down of our lives, by, dying daily to the world. The comprehension of the loving kindness of God and his judgement upon all nations, dominions and powers that defy his purpose and plan for our destiny. Our destiny is to be conformed to the one who lives in our heart by faith, and trusting in every promise God has made. We don't need reformation we need conformation.

God had departed from temple worship as an outward show of truth and spirit, but now the true worshippers present their bodies as a living sacrifice to almighty God that he may be glorified in the sinner's heart and mind and this worship is a reasonable service and understanding of spirit and truth. Though no man will acknowledge or see this truth in you, be persuaded God looks upon the heart and knows those that are his.

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

*<sup>1</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. <sup>2</sup> Like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, <sup>3</sup> now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. <sup>4</sup> As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— <sup>5</sup> you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house—to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

<sup>6</sup> For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>7</sup> Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” <sup>8</sup> and, “A stone that causes men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. <sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. <sup>12</sup> Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

## **2 Corinthians 13: 3-5**

<sup>3</sup> since you are demanding proof that Christ is speaking through me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. <sup>4</sup> For to be sure, he was crucified in weakness, yet he lives by God’s power. Likewise, we are weak in him, yet by God’s power we will live in him to serve you. <sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realise that Christ Jesus is in you – unless, of course, you fail the test?

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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