

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 gospel of Jesus Christ and his Kingdom, termed the Apostolic message  
is one that is true, safe and eternal  
which cannot be added too or subtracted from.**

**1 Timothy 6: 3-21**

*<sup>3</sup> If anyone teaches false doctrine and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, <sup>4</sup> he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions <sup>5</sup> and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain.*

*<sup>6</sup> But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup> For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup> But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup> People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

*<sup>11</sup> But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup> who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen.*

*<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

*<sup>20</sup> Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, <sup>21</sup> which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you.*

Dear Friends,

Recently in our travels, we were confronted with many things, by which we were challenged in our beliefs and conduct. Not everything that was presented to us bore the “hallmarks” of divine truth. But one thing that was brought home to our understanding, was that the only truth and path of holiness that leads to eternal life, is clearly exemplified by the one whom the invisible Father chose to send into this sin darkened world. Our Father has only one Son begotten by him and this is Jesus, through whom he chose to reveal grace, holiness and truth. Any deviation from acknowledging the primacy of Jesus as Lord and Christ, opens the gate to destruction, sin, error and death. To us it was easily identifiable when this wide road to error was being travelled on, this occurred when words and actions did not line up with the teachings of the apostles. Though we are commanded to go into all the world and preach the gospel and make disciples of men, the intent and methods we use must be clearly scrutinised as to whether they glorify God and his purposes alone. Motives and intentions must be examined to see whether we are in the faith, or are we self-regarding or self-promoting instead of Christ glorifying. All that promotes self-indulging ideology will corrupt and destroy the knowledge of our true purpose and destiny. Anything that makes faith meritorious rather than a gift, will in turn corrupt the true purpose of faith.

The goal of faith is love out of a pure heart, which gives total trust that the Sovereign Lord is almighty and his ways are always right. Everything that God the Father ordains for mankind is filled with purpose and the desire, to conform every believer into the image and likeness of his Son. When we look to Jesus and him alone as the beginner and finisher of our faith, we are miraculously changed in heart and mind into the same likeness even by the Spirit of the Lord. Looking unto Jesus is abiding in the truth of the gospel that leads unto holiness and eternal life. This is the power and purpose of the gift of faith which comes by hearing and hearing by the word of Christ.

The truth of the “way of Christ” is to take the “metaphoric road” through the straight gate and down the narrow path that leads to life. Few find this road because the faith they believe in is a meritorious faith that demands rewards for their efforts. The faith that leads to life, is knowing every gift given us is a free manifestation of truth, granted to us to enhance the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. When Jesus walked on the earth in the flesh, his heavenly glory was hidden from men, but is now made known and revealed to us through the Holy Spirit.

The gift of faith that works by love, is freely given and manifest openly to those who lay down their lives for others, just as Christ laid down his life for us. The reward of salvation, is sharing the wonderful gift of life eternal granted us in Jesus. This is sealed in our heart and mind by the Holy Spirit and does not rely on outward factors or appearances. We live by faith and not by sight. God the Father is glorified when we share the truth of the gospel of life by word and deed. We then regard the consequences of this life of love, a joy and a privilege to be named with the Righteous One, whom the world considered insignificant, a sinner and a blasphemer. Many will consider this road too hard to take, but Jesus said; *“No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God”* (Luke 9: 62).

God the Father gave his Son a name above all other names that can be named, but the world commonly uses the glorious name of Jesus Christ as a blasphemous swear word. They use it as a curse not a blessing. They scoff and scorn and make a byword of those who walk the narrow road and give all honour, power and glory to Jesus’ name.

*“Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit”.*

*“The poison of vipers is on their lips.”*

*“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.”* (Romans 3: 13-14).

Many live in a worldly religious manner, and live with an unrepentant heart which causes them to be deceived by men who “lie in wait” to draw them from the narrow road. Repentance requires a complete change of mind to follow Jesus and him alone, and then to have the courage not to relent and return to the weak and beggarly elements the worldly deceivers demand.

There is hope for the wayward, but it requires a complete reassessment of your ideology and hope. We are saved by hope, and hope deferred makes the heart sick. You may have started out on your journey as a pilgrim and the lust of other things has entered in and caused you to stumble. The doctrines of men with their worldly judgements and the watered down versions of the gospel of truth, are a major cause of stumbling. Where your treasure is your heart will be also.

**Jesus is a stone that causes men to stumble and rock that makes them fall.** (1 Peter 2: 8).

Jesus said; *“Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life”*. (John 8: 12).

Jesus said; *“Blessed are those who do not fall away because of me”*. (Matthew 11: 6).

The question must be asked to our own heart. Do we walk with Jesus or do we walk in the way of the world? What may appear as faith is not faith at all, but is a substitute belief that is not born out of the New Covenant in his blood and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering. We are the sheep of his pasture, if we are led of the Spirit of life that is in Christ Jesus and are not subject to stumbling through adherence to the fallen nature, with its wims and gratifications that are filled with “man pleasing” fears. *Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.* (Matthew 10: 28).

The apostolic teaching is that Jesus Christ is Lord and great is the mystery of godliness.

### **1 Timothy 3: 16**

*Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great:*

*He appeared in a body,*

*was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by messengers,*

*was preached among the nations,*

*was believed on in the world,*

*was taken up to glory.*

### **1 Timothy 4: 1-2**

<sup>1</sup> *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith, and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.* <sup>2</sup> *Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.*

The only way our conscience can be purified, is by the belief that Christ’s blood was shed to cleanse our hearts from an evil conscience. *Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.* (Heb 9: 22).

The only way the sin of this world can be expunged from our heart and mind, is by the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Many “so-called believers” substitute the truth of Christ with their own versions of righteous works and deeds which they think pleases God. The true works that are the works of God, are to believe on him and whom he has sent. (John 6: 29). Without faith it is impossible to please God. True faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11: 1).

- Temple worship
- Rules and regulations
- Adherence to the law
- Fleshly circumcision
- Sabbath day teachings

These practices along with other rituals are adhered to Day after day, week after week, and people are made to believe that this is a righteousness that brings salvation. This is false teaching.

The only way a man can find rest for his soul, is through faith in the Lamb of God Jesus Christ, who was crucified and died as a penal sacrifice for our sins.

The apostle Paul confirms this in **1 Corinthians 2: 2-4**.

*<sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. <sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest of men's wisdom but on God's power.*

Jesus said that he would build his gathering of people unto him. There are two generations throughout history, a faith believing generation and a wicked adulterous generation. Out of the faith believing generation God draws, teaches and gathers his people unto him. He changes our desires through the new birth so that we can see and enter his kingdom. This kingdom generation which glorifies the Father, offers up praise and prayers of thanksgiving and is a building of living stones made alive by Christ. These once hardened stones now softened by the Holy Spirit, live a life of humility, meekness and gentleness, they hear the voice of Jesus and a stranger they will not follow, even if they were offered all the kingdoms of this world and the glory of them. True believers in Christ resist and abhor the thought of worldly riches as a substitute for the riches of glory that are in Christ Jesus. They refuse to bow down and worship the strangers voice and give an answer like Jesus, and reply *"It is written: worship the Lord your God and serve him only"*. They that serve Christ in righteousness, peace and joy by the power of the Holy Spirit in faith are pleasing unto God.

In this kingdom of God ruled by the true king of heaven and earth, the subjects are not yet revealed openly, but are known by God as his own. These are servants and demand no glory or reward for themselves, but give all glory, honour and power to the one who loves them and died for them.

These servants of the Most Holy One, are willing to die daily to the praises of men and live wholly as repentant sinners, knowing they have no righteousness of their own, but their right-standing with God the Father is in Christ Jesus and him alone. They can stand in the presence of God by faith even though they are not innocent, but have a clear conscience because they are washed and sanctified by Jesus Christ alone. This right standing wrought by Jesus in his obedience to the Father, was accomplished through his death; death upon the cross, where he shed his own blood for our sins. Upon the tree he bore the curse imposed on all mankind, which we inherited through the disobedience of Adam. We now inherit all of heaven's promises of eternal salvation through Christ and him alone. We as believers are taught by the Holy Spirit that the world would be convicted of the sin of unbelief and that Jesus is now in the presence of the Father because of his righteousness, and that the prince of this world (the false ruler) is now judged and condemned along with all his falsehoods and lies. The wicked and evil generation is of the world. This world can be either religious or secular and is a brood of vipers belonging to the ancient serpent who opposes everything of God, and lies, kills and corrupts all that is holy and good. Those that belong to this wicked and adulterous generation follow this thief and steal the glory of God, then give the glory and praise to themselves and other men, rather than to Christ.

So the message to the unbelieving sinner is to cry out to God the Father for help in your unbelief. God the Father will answer all those that call upon his name and will show the humble "great and mighty things that they know not of", through the Holy Spirit and his word.

The message now to the believer who has been beguiled to follow a different road than the one that leads to true life, is to repent for this doesn't grant them the peace that is beyond understanding. Our prayer is that you forsake all controversies and adhere to the apostolic teaching about Jesus Christ.

You have an advocate or a defender in heaven who intercedes on your behalf if you confess your sin. Obey his word for he is faithful and just to cleanse you and restore your right standing with God and to wash you, sanctify you, and present you faultless in the presence of his glory.

The blood of the first shepherd Abel was swallowed up by the earth, and out of the earth comes the cry for judgement and vengeance. This is the wisdom from beneath which is first earthly, unspiritual and devilish. (James 3: 15). The blood of the true shepherd of the sheep – Jesus, now cries out from heaven for mercy and forgiveness for all sins and trespassers against God the Father and each other. This is the wisdom that comes from heaven which is pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. (James 3: 17). The mark of a true shepherd is to feed and build up in the Holy Spirit and leave all judgement to God and then to pray that the mercy of Jesus Christ be revealed in the hearts of the blind. Jesus the true shepherd will strengthen the hearts and minds that have strayed from the truth, so they may comprehend with all the saints the love, mercy and forgiveness of God.

God's ways are always right, but any interpretation of scripture that is not interpreted through the mind of Christ by the Lord the Spirit, will lead to error, destruction and corruption. God the Father ordained many things to keep the earth and the world from destruction, but Satan through sin and unbelief corrupted what was ordained. The antagonist of God – the crafty serpent, usurps the authority of God and takes what is ordained by God and elevates or diminishes what it was purposed for. This causes what is ordained for good to be turned to evil purposes. God in his wisdom and power of the word of truth and the Holy Spirit, turns the tables back in favour of men by using the power of humility, meekness and gentleness which overcomes evil with good. This is the power of the kingdom of God that is secretly at work in all the earth this very day. Today is the day of the Lord and his power.

We as creations of God in the flesh, were made subject to death and mortality, this is called the old age. Those that trust and believe in Jesus Christ are endowed with the truth and dunamis power of God to endure all things for righteousness sake, this leads to holiness and eternal life of the age to come.

Though we live in corrupted flesh it is not a sin to be in the flesh, but it is a sin to walk after the flesh and not after the Spirit. In our mortal state we are blessed to be able to proclaim the truth of the resurrection of Jesus Christ unto eternal life. We know if we follow him and his way, we will live and experience the power of God even though we dwell in mortal bodies that are temporal. Jesus by his gracious power will transform our mortal bodies into the likeness of his glorious body. The gospel of the riches of glory are hidden in Christ Jesus and revealed to the humble and obedient. These truths are kept from the proud and the mighty who invent doctrines to satisfy their own evil lustful desires. We are commanded to come as little children or we will not enter Christ's kingdom. This kingdom is one of promise and though unseen in the natural realm, this kingdom has come because all the promises of God are yes and amen in Christ Jesus.

We can through Christ who strengthens us, put our bodies under and die daily to its demands of grandeur, ambition, beauty and wealth. We can in our mortal bodies lay hands on the sick and see them recover, but we must give all power and glory to God. We can pray for the broken, the unlovely, the blind and the unbeliever. We can do acts of kindness. We can pray for the kingdom to come to others as the kingdom has come to us. We can trust in Jesus and believe God to make us into the same image and likeness of Christ. This is achieved not through our own goodness and effort, but through faith in Jesus as Lord by the eternal Holy Spirit working the works of God through us. When we are weak, God's power works in and through us and we stand back and give all praise, honour and glory to the one who created us, saved us and redeemed us back to his original purpose and plan. What a glorious majestic Lord and Christ that would do acts of mercy and love through us as his servants who are weak vessels of clay, yet declared in the heavenlies as vessels of honour.

Now to the faithful and those who have kept the faith and have gone through adversity and have suffered for the kingdom and Jesus' sake, yet are not known by the world as children of God, we write this encouragement.

### **1 Corinthians 15: 58**

*Therefore, my dear brothers stand firm. Let nothing move you. always give yourself fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain (note: labour in the Lord).*

### **1 Thessalonians 1: 2-5**

<sup>2</sup> *We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers.* <sup>3</sup> *We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.* <sup>4</sup> *For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,* <sup>5</sup> *because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction.*

Now an encouragement to all.

### **Romans 8: 38-39**

<sup>38</sup> *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither present nor future nor any powers,* <sup>39</sup> *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

### **1 Corinthians 3: 21-23**

<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.*

The love of God that is in Christ Jesus is pure light and understanding which manifests the life of God.

Trusting wholly and fully in Jesus for your right standing, sanctification and redemption will indelibly write your name in the Lamb's book of life and in turn, the life of the Lamb that takes away the sin of the world is written on your heart and mind. This is the new covenant ratified in Jesus' blood. It is the gospel of God.

There is no lie in it, there is no darkness and is open before God to all those who walk in it. The love of the world and the desires of the flesh cannot duplicate the heavenly kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The kingdom of God and his Christ comes to us by promise and is made a reality to us by the Holy Spirit. Serving yourself is not serving Christ. Thinking you are something when you are nothing and elevating yourself with honorific names and positions instead of being servants of all, is an abomination before the courts of heaven. There is no other King in God's kingdom other than Jesus and all who follow him are adopted sons who are created anew and come not to be served but to serve. Even Jesus, made himself of no reputation but humbled himself and became a servant of all. So as the Master, so must the servant be. The greatest in the kingdom of God comes as a humble servant. Because of his humility Jesus was exalted to the highest heaven and given a name above every other name.

Be faithful and endure in patience, believing that what is promised will come to pass. Patience is salvation. The humble will be exalted in due time.

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