**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 22 April 2018**

**Speaker       :   Pastor Dr Margaret Seaward
Theme         :   Yielding our ALL to HIM**

**Introduction :**

**~ Romans 12: 1 – 2**

**~ What a Great GOD we have !**

 **Who loved us with an Undying Love,**

 **Who sacrificed HIS Only Begotten SON, JESUS.**

 **That we might live and have Eternal life !**

**~ Who reached down and brought us up**

 **Out of the miry clay,**

 **Who cleansed us with HIS Precious Blood,**

 **And set our feet upon the Solid Rock.**

**~ Who has written our names**

 **In the Lamb’s Book of Life !**

 **Who has brought us into the Family of GOD,**

 **And lavished HIS Love upon us.**

**~ What a Great GOD we have !**

 **A GOD of Mercy and Loving-Kindness.**

**Paul speaking :**

**Romans 12: 1 (KJV)**

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the Mercies of GOD, that ye present your bodies a

living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto GOD, which is your reasonable service.

**~ Present your bodies = Yield your bodies.**

**Romans 12: 1 (ERV)**

So I beg you, brothers and sisters, because of the Great Mercy GOD has shown us,

offer your lives as a living sacrifice to HIM—an offering that is only for GOD and pleasing to HIM. Considering what HE has done, it is only right that you should worship HIM in this way.

**Romans 12: 1 (Weymouth)**

I plead with you therefore, brethren, by the Compassions of GOD, to present all your faculties

to HIM as a living and holy Sacrifice acceptable to HIM.

1. **We offer ourselves to GOD**
2. **Because of HIS Great Mercy**

**~ Meaning of Mercy = Deserved punishment ;**

**Death sentence upon our lives ;**

 **All have sinned. Wages of sin is death.**

1. **As a Living Sacrifice**

**~ In the OT, they offered an animal to be killed.**

**~ Here, we offer ourselves, our bodies, our lives,**

 **All our faculties – eyes, ears, nose, mouth, hands, feet, heart, emotions.**

**~ Illustration : Sorry, I didn’t bring my hands.**

**~ Illustration : Lady asked Pastor, What does it mean ?**

 **To be a Living sacrifice ?**

 **Blank sheet of paper,**

 **Sign your name at the bottom,**

 **Let GOD fill it in as HE Wills.**

1. **All the time = Everyday experience.**

**~ Not just in church – one hour a week.**

**~ 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**~ Paul said, “I die daily.”**

**Importance of Our Body**

**1 Corinthians 6: 19 (KJV)**

What? Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the HOLY GHOST which is in you,

which ye have of GOD, and ye are not your own ?

**~ We belong to GOD… we are not our own.**

**~ HE purchased us with HIS Precious Blood.**

**1 Corinthians 6: 20 (KJV)**

For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify GOD in your body, and in your spirit,

which are GOD's.

**1 Corinthians 6: 19 (KJV)**

What? Know ye not that your body is the Temple of the HOLY GHOST which is in you,

which ye have of GOD, and ye are not your own ?

**~ Temple = Place of Worship.**

**~ HOLY SPIRIT is in our spirits.**

**~ Our spirit dwells in our body.**

**~ What we do with our body affects our spirit.**

**~ Not detached one from the other.**

**~ Must not separate the two.**

**Romans 12: 2 (KJV)**

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that

ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, Will of GOD.

**Romans 12: 2 (ERV)**

Don’t change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but let GOD change you inside with

a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to understand and accept what GOD wants for you. You will be able to know what is good and pleasing to HIM and what is perfect.

**Romans 12: 2 (GW)**

Don’t become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what GOD really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

**Romans 12: 2 (Weymouth)**

Do not follow the customs of the present Age, but be transformed by the entire renewal of

your minds, so that you may learn by experience, what GOD’s Will is –

That Will which is good and beautiful and perfect.

**2 Corinthians 5: 15 (KJV)**

And that HE Died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but

unto HIM which Died for them, and Rose Again.

**~ We want the benefits.**

**~ We don’t want the responsibilities ?**

**2 Corinthians 6: 14 (KJV)**

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath Light with darkness?

**2 Corinthians 6: 15 (KJV)**

And what concord hath CHRIST with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

**2 Corinthians 6: 16 (KJV)**

And what agreement hath the Temple of GOD with idols? For ye are the Temple of the

Living GOD; as GOD hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be MY people.

**2 Corinthians 6: 17 (KJV)**

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and

touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

**2 Corinthians 6: 18 (KJV)**

And will be a FATHER unto you, and ye shall be MY sons and daughters, saith the

LORD Almighty.

**2 Corinthians 6: 14 (ERV)**

You are not the same as those who don’t believe. So don’t join yourselves to them.

Good and evil don’t belong together. Light and darkness cannot share the same room.

**2 Corinthians 6: 15 (ERV)**

How can there be any unity between CHRIST and the devil?

What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?

**2 Corinthians 6: 16 (ERV)**

GOD’s Temple cannot have anything to do with idols, and we are the Temple of the Living GOD. As GOD said, “I will live with them and walk with them; I will be their GOD, and they will be MY people.”

**2 Corinthians 6: 17 (ERV)**

“So come away from those people and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD.
Don’t touch anything that is not clean, and I will accept you.”

**2 Corinthians 6: 18 (ERV)**

“I will be your FATHER, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD All-Powerful.”

**Conclusion :**

**~ All of GOD’s Promises are conditional.**

**~ There are benefits, but there are responsibilities.**

**~ We have been given ‘free wills’.**

**~ GOD will not force anyone.**

**~ We must willingly yield and surrender ourselves to HIM.**