**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 01 July 2018**

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**Theme : Cursed to Blessings in CHRIST (3)**

**We have Learnt to Know that our Old Self Nature is Carnal & Evil, Sold to Sin, so the Flesh is Warring in our Mind vs What is in the Law, so we are to Operate by the *Higher Spiritual Law*. Romans 7: 14 (NLT), 14 (NKJ)**

So the trouble is not with the law, for it *is spiritual and good*. The trouble is with me, for

I am all too human, *a slave to sin*.

For we know that *the law is Spiritual*, but I am carnal, *sold under sin*.

**JESUS CHRIST was Crucified with All Desires of our Carnal Flesh Nature on HIS Cross – Died Galatians 5: 24 – 26 (NLT)**

Those who belong to CHRIST JESUS have nailed the *passions and desires* of *their sinful nature* to

HIS Cross and *crucified them there*. Since we are Living by the SPIRIT, let us follow the SPIRIT’s *Leading in every part of our Lives*. Let us not become conceited, or provoke one another, or

be jealous of one another.

**Galatians 5: 18 – 21**

But if you are led by the SPIRIT, you are *not under the law*. Now the *works of the flesh* are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that

those *who practice such things will not inherit* the Kingdom of GOD.

**Idolatry & Sorcery are the Sins of Witchcraft : Abomination to GOD - Things Offensive to GOD. Abomination Practiced by Any 3rd- 4th G-Ancestor passes the Curse of Iniquity to Descendent. Exodus 20: 3 – 6**

"You shall have no other gods before ME. You shall not make for yourself a carved image –

***Any*** ***Likeness of Anything***that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or

that *is* in the water under the earth; *you shall not bow down to them nor serve them*.

**For I, the LORD your GOD, am *A Jealous* GOD, Visiting the Iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth** **Generations of those who hate ME, but showing Mercy to thousands, to those who Love ME and keep MY Commandments.**”

**The LORD GOD’s Desire is to Bless HIS People by HIS Promise but HE *Warned Consequence*. Deuteronomy 11: 16 – 22 (NLT)**

“*But Be Careful*. Don’t ***let your heart be deceived* so that you turn away from the LORD and**

**serve** **and *worship other gods*.** If you do, the LORD’s Anger *will burn against you*.

HE will shut up the sky and hold back the rain, and the ground will fail to produce its harvests. Then

*you will quickly die* in that good land the LORD is giving you.” “So *commit yourselves wholeheartedly*

 to these Words of Mine. Tie them to your hands and *wear them on your forehead as reminders*.

Teach them to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, so that as long as the sky remains above the earth, you and *your children may flourish*

*in the land* the LORD Swore to give your ancestors. “*Be Careful to* ***Obey* all these Commands** Iam giving you. Show love to the LORD your GOD by walking in HIS Ways and *holding tightly to* HIM.”

**Deuteronomy 11: 26 – 28 (NLT)**

“Look, today I am giving you *the choice between* A Blessing and A Curse!

You will be blessed if *you obey* the Commands of the LORD your GOD that I am giving you today.

But you will be cursed *if you reject the Commands* of the LORD your GOD and turn away from HIM and *worship gods you have not known before.”*

**Our LORD GOD is Good & Faithful, HE wants to Give *Good Things of Blessing* to HIS People.**

**- Deuteronomy 11: 29 – 32 (NLT)**

**The LORD GOD Instructed Moses Set Up *A Demonstration to Proclaim* Blessing and Curse.**

**-** **Deuteronomy 27: 10 - 15 (NLT)**

**Is It Possible to be in *Obedience to All* Given in the Law, so All the Blessings will be Upon us. Deuteronomy 28: 1 – 2**

"Now it shall come to pass, if you *diligently obey* the Voice of the LORD your GOD, to observe carefully All HIS Commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your GOD will set you high above

all nations of the earth. And *All these Bles*sings shall come upon you and *overtake you*, because

you obey the Voice of the LORD your GOD.

**All Curses are Effected by the Law, as when Any Cannot Obey Any of the Words Commanded Deuteronomy 28: 15 – 16, 45**

"But it shall come to pass, if you *Do Not Obey* the Voice of the LORD your GOD, to *observe carefully*

All HIS Commandments and HIS Statutes which I *command you today*, that *All these curses will* come upon you and *overtake you*: Cursed *shall* you *be* in the city, and cursed *shall* you *be* in the country.”

**Curses of Incurable Diseases, Sicknesses, Poverty-stricken, Enemy’s Overwhelming Attacks.**

**- Deuteronomy 28: 21 – 29.**

**Deuteronomy 28: 47 – 48 (NLT)**  “If you do not serve the LORD your GOD with joy and enthusiasm for the abundant benefits you have received, you will serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you. You will be left hungry, thirsty, naked, and ***lacking in everything.*** The LORD will put an iron yoke on your neck,

***oppressing you*** harshly until he has destroyed you.”

**Deuteronomy 28: 58 – 59a (NLT)**

“If you *Refuse to Obey* All the Words of Instruction that are written in this Book, and if you

*Do Not Fear* the Glorious and Awesome Name of the LORD your GOD, then the LORD

*will overwhelm* you and your children with indescribable plagues.

**JESUS Bore All our Iniquities, Sins & Curses by HIS Crucifixion *on the Tree*, on HIS Cross. 1 Peter 2: 24**

Who HIMSelf bore our sins in HIS Own Body *on the tree*, that we, *having died to sins*, might

live for Righteousness - by Whose Stripes you were healed.

**Galatians 3: 13 – 14 (NLT)**

But CHRIST has rescued us from the *Curse pronounced by the law*. When HE was hung on the Cross, **HE** **took upon HIMSelf the Curse for our wrongdoing.** For it is written in the Scriptures,

“*Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”* Through CHRIST JESUS, GOD has blessed the Gentiles with the Same Blessing HE promised to Abraham, so that we who are *believers might*

***Receive the Promised* HOLY SPIRIT through Faith.**

**JESUS CHRIST – the TRUTH, the Way, the LIFE – Set us Free from the Bondage of Slavery. Galatians 5: 13 – 14 (NLT)**

For you have been called to *Live in Freedom*, my brothers and sisters. But *don’t use your* ***Freedom***

*to satisfy your sinful nature*. Instead, use your **Freedom to serve one another in Love.**

For the whole Law can be *summed up in this* ***One Command*: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

**True Believers are being Foolish, Back to Being Religious, to Justify Being Right by the Law? Galatians 3: 1**

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you *that you should Not Obey the* Truth, before whose eyes JESUS CHRIST *was clearly portrayed among you as Crucified*?

**Galatians 3: 4 – 8a (NLT)** Have you ***experienced so much for nothing*** **?** Surely it was not in vain, was it?

I ask you again, does GOD give you the HOLY SPIRIT and *work miracles among you* because

you obey the law? ***Of course not!*** It is because you *Believe the Message* you heard about CHRIST. In the same way, “Abraham *believed* GOD, and GOD *counted him as* Righteous because of his Faith.” The real children of Abraham, then, are *those who put their faith in* GOD. What’s more, the Scriptures looked forward to this time when GOD would make the Gentiles Right in HIS Sight because of *their Faith*.

**Being Religious, to be Legalistic, Justify being Good by *Self Righteousness*, back under Law. Galatians 5: 4 – 5, 7 (NLT)**

For if you are trying to make yourselves right with GOD by keeping the law, you have been ***Cut Off***

**from CHRIST !** You have fallen away from GOD’s Grace. But we who live by the SPIRIT eagerly wait

to receive by faith the Righteousness GOD has promised to us.

**You were running the Race *so well*. Who has held you back from following the Truth ?**

**JESUS TOLD the Truth of HIS Fulfilling the Law, be *No More Idolatry* of 2 serving 2 Masters. Matthew 6: 24 (AMP)**

"No one can *serve two masters*; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or

he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve GOD and mammon

[*money, possessions, fame, status, or whatever is valued more than* the LORD].

**As Reborn in CHRIST, our *Spirit will be Overwhelmed & Dominated* when we Love this World.**

**1 John 2: 15 (NLT), 16 – 17 (AMP)**

Do not love ***this world*** nor *the things it offers you*, for when you love the world, you do not have the

Love of the FATHER in you.

For All *that is in the world* - the lust and sensual craving of the flesh and the *lust*and*longing of the eyes* and the boastful pride of life [*pretentious confidence in one's resources or in the stability of earthly things*] - these do not come from the FATHER, but are from the world. The world is passing away, and with it its lusts [*the shameful pursuits and ungodly longings*]; but the one who does the Will of GOD and

carries out HIS Purposes lives forever.

**~ When one loves this World, this Age, Things of this Life - has 2 Masters, will Despise GOD.**

**Galatians 4: 9 (NLT)**

So now that you know GOD (or should I say, now that GOD knows you), why do you want to go back again and *become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of* ***this world***.

**Be Victorious to Overcome the Old Self Nature, is to Live this Life by the SPIRIT, HE Leads us. Galatians 5: 16 – 18 (NLT)**

So I say, let the HOLY SPIRIT guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what *your sinful nature* *craves*. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is *just the opposite* of what the SPIRIT wants.

And the SPIRIT *gives us* *desires that are the opposite* of what the sinful nature desires.

These two forces are *constantly fighting each other*, so you are *not free to carry out your good intentions*. But *when you are directed by* the SPIRIT, you are *not under obligation to the law* of Moses.

**JESUS CHRIST was Crucified for us, to Live No longer under the Law, but under HIS Grace.**

**Galatians 2: 20 – 21 (NLT)**

My *old self* [I, Sinful Nature] has been crucified with CHRIST. It is no longer I [Carnal, Flesh Nature]

who live, but CHRIST lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of GOD,

Who loved me and gave HIMSelf for me. I do not treat the Grace of GOD as meaningless.

For if keeping the law could make us right with GOD, then there was no need for CHRIST to die.

**~ CHRIST Died so that our Old Nature be Crucified with HIM, so by Grace HE is Living in us. ~ By the SPIRIT, in Faith, then the Old Sinful Nature has NO Craving Power to Overpower us.**

**Galatians 4: 22 – 26 (NLT)**

The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. The son of the slave wife was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of GOD’s promise. But the son of the freeborn wife was born as GOD’s own fulfillment of HIS promise.

**These two women serve as An Illustration of GOD’s two Covenants**. The first woman, Hagar, represents Mount Sinai where people received ***the Law that enslaved them***. And now Jerusalem is

just like Mount Sinai in Arabia, because *she and her children live in slavery to the law.* But the other woman, Sarah, represents the Heavenly Jerusalem. She is the free woman, and she is our mother. **~ Reference Genesis 21: 1 – 21**

**Hagar, the** **Bondwoman & Sarah, the Free Woman are Symbolic of *Born under* Law or SPIRIT. Galatians 4: 26 – 31**

But the Jerusalem Above is free, which is *the mother of us all.* For it is written: "REJOICE, O BARREN, YOU WHO DO NOT BEAR! BREAK FORTH AND SHOUT, YOU WHO ARE NOT IN LABOR!

FOR THE DESOLATE HAS MANY MORE CHILDREN THAN SHE WHO HAS A HUSBAND."

Now we, brethren, as Isaac *was,* are children of Promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him *who was born* according to the SPIRIT, even *so it is Now.* Nevertheless

what does the Scripture say? "CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON, FOR

THE SON OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE HEIR WITH THE *SON OF THE FREEWOMAN*.

So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of *the Free.*

**We are Reborn by the SPIRIT to be Free, and Live in the Freedom of Being Set Free - Freedom**

***~*** *My little children, for whom I labor in birth again* ***until CHRIST is formed in you - Galatians 4: 19.***

**Galatians 5: 1**

Stand fast therefore in the Liberty by which CHRIST *has made us* Free, and do not be entangled again with *a yoke of bondage*.

**Spiritually our Attitude that CHRIST is Formed in us, our Whole Being is Bought by CHRIST.**

**1 Corinthians 6: 17 – 20**

But he who is joined to the LORD is One Spirit with HIM. Flee sexual immorality.

Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against

his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the Temple of the HOLY SPIRIT Who is in you, Whom you have from GOD, and *you are not your own*?

For you were bought at a price; therefore Glorify GOD *in your Body and in your Spirit*, which are GOD’s.

**We cannot fool GOD Who knows All, how we are Sowing in our Lives, to please Self or SPIRIT. Galatians 6: 4**

But let *each one examine his own work*, and then he will have *rejoicing in himself alone*, and not

in another.

**Galatians 6: 8 (NKJ / NLT)** For he who *sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption*, but he who sows to the SPIRT will

of the SPIRIT reap everlasting life.

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will *harvest decay and death* from that sinful nature. But *those who live to please the SPIRIT* will harvest Everlasting Life from the SPIRIT.

**2 Corinthians 13: 5 (NLT / NKJ)**

Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that JESUS CHRIST is among you; *if not*, you have failed the test of genuine faith.

Examine yourselves as to whether you *are in the Faith*. Test yourselves. Do you *not know yourselves*, that JESUS CHRIST is in you ? - unless indeed *you are disqualified*.

**Examine Ourselves Truly, if you are Living in Following CHRIST Genuinely?**

**Examine Ourselves if your Faith is in the Truth, CHRIST is Formed in you? HE is in you?**