**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 03 February 2019**

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**Theme : ARise – Achieve the Heavenly Prize (2)**

**Our Living Hope is in the RESURRECTED KING, Who has Resurrected our Spirits to Arise.**

**1 Peter 1: 3 – 5 (AMPC)**

Praised (Honored, Blessed) be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah) !

By HIS boundless Mercy we have been ***Born Again to an Ever-Living Hope*** through the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead, [*Born Anew*] into an Inheritance which is beyond

the reach of change and decay [*Imperishable*], unsullied and unfading, ***Reserved in Heaven*** for you, Who are being guarded (garrisoned) by GOD's Power through [*your*] ***Faith*** [*till you fully inherit that Final*] Salvation that is ready to be Revealed [*for you*] in the ***Last Time.***

**Our Spiritual Focus in MIND to Be on Heavenly Things of GOD, will be *Spiritual & Everlasting*.**

**~ 2 Corinthians 4: 18 (AMPC)**

 Since we consider and *Look Not* to the things that are seen but to the *Things that are Unseen*;

 for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the Things that are Invisible

 are Deathless and Everlasting.

**~ Living Not for the NOW earthly things, but *Focus to Live* on What be the Heavenly Things.**

 **Colossians 3: 1 – 4**

 If then you were Raised with CHRIST, seek those Things which are Above, where CHRIST is,

 Sitting at the Right Hand of GOD. ***Set your*** ***mind*** on ***Things Above***, not on things on the earth.

 For you died, and *your life is hidden with* CHRIST in GOD. When CHRIST Who *is* our life *appears*,

 then you also *will appear* with HIM in GLORY.

**Start Year 2019 *Determined Doing What is Right Progressively* towards the Heavenly Calling.**

**Philippians 3: 10 – 11 (AMPC)**

[*For my Determined Purpose is*] that I may know HIM [*that I may Progressively become more*

*Deeply and Intimately acquainted* with HIM*, perceiving and recognizing and understanding*

the Wonders of HIS Person *more strongly and more clearly*], and that I may in that same way

come to know the ***Power Outflowing*** from HIS Resurrection [*which it exerts over believers*], and

that I may so share HIS Sufferings as to ***be continually transformed*** [*in spirit* into ***HIS Likeness*** *even*] to HIS Death, [*in* the Hope] that if possible I may attain to the [*spiritual and moral*]

Resurrection [*that Lifts me*] Out from among the dead [*even while in the body*].

**~ Knowing the LORD Deeply, Relating with HIM Intimately, Understanding HIS Divine Nature.**

**~ Experiencing HIS Love, HIS Resurrection Power Working In & Thru us, Overflowing Power.**

**~ Our light Momentary Affliction in this Life, Achieving Eternal Weight of Glory to Transform**

 **Our Inner Self into HIS Likeness, Spiritually & Morally.**

**Be Determined to Attain is to Achieve the Final Perfection for Receiving the Heavenly Prize.**

**Philippians 3: 11 – 14 (AMPC)**

Not that I have now attained [*this Ideal*], or have already been made perfect, but I ***Press On***

to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which CHRIST JESUS(the Messiah) has laid hold

of me and made me HIS Own.

I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [*yet*]; but one thing I do

[*it is my one aspiration*]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

I ***Press On*** toward the Goal to win the [*Supreme and Heavenly*] Prize to which GOD in CHRIST JESUS is Calling us Upward.

**To Maintain Attitude of Not Reached Perfection Stage & Final Goal Destination - *PRESS ON.***

**Philippians 3: 12 – 14 (NLT)**

I don’t mean to say that I *have already achieved these things* or that I have already Reached Perfection. But I ***Press On***to possess that Perfection for which CHRIST JESUS first Possessed me.

No, dear brothers and sisters, I *have not achieved it*, but I ***Focus On*** this One thing:

Forgetting the past and ***Looking Forward*** to what lies ***Ahead***, I ***Press On*** to reach the End of the Race and receive the ***Heavenly Prize*** for which GOD, through CHRIST JESUS, is calling us.

**~ PRESS ON > FOCUS ON > World & Past, All Behind > Looking Forward the Heavenly Prize**

**Luke 9: 62**

But JESUS said to him,

"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of GOD."

**~ The Cost of the CROSS of JESUS Paid for Our Calling is for Determined Single Focus.**

**~ The World Behind – JESUS Warn us Not to Use Earthly Reasons or Excuse to Turn Back.**

**~ Reference - Luke 9: 57 – 61 ; Matthew 8: 19 – 21.**

**~** Demas has forsaken me**, having loved ‘*This Present World’*,** and has departed for Thessalonica.

* **2 Timothy 4: 10a.**

**Isaiah 43: 18 – 21 (AMPC)**

Do not [*earnestly*] remember the former things; *neither consider* the things of old.

Behold, I am doing A New Thing ! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive and know it and

will you not give heed to it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The beasts of the field honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches, because

I give waters in the wilderness and rivers in the desert, to give drink to MY People, MY Chosen,

The people I formed for MYSelf, that they may set forth My praise [*and they shall* Do IT].

**Isaiah 43: 25 – 26**

"I, *even* I, *am* HE Who blots out your transgressions for MY Own Sake; and

I will not Remember your sins.

Put ME in Remembrance; Let us ***Contend Together*;**

State your *case,* that you may be acquitted.”

**Philippians 3: 15 – 16 (AMPC)**

So let those [*of us*] who are ***spiritually mature*and*full-grown*** have ***this mind***and

hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a ***different attitude of mind***,

GOD will make that clear to you also.

Only let us ***Hold True*** *to what we have already attained*and ***walk*and*order our lives by that***.

**~ A Church is Given Vision & Purpose to Follow & Walk Together – NOT *Individual Culture*.**

**~** **Philippians 3: 15 – 16 (NLT)**

 Let all who are ***spiritually mature agree*** on these things. If you disagree on some point,

 I believe GOD will make it plain to you.

 But we must ***Hold On to the Progress*** we have already made.

**GOD’s Called & Chosen *Always Uphold* GOD’s Righteousness, What is Right in HIS Sight.**

**~ Psalms 146: 8b (AMPC)**

 The LORD loves the [*uncompromisingly*] Righteous (those upright in heart and in Right Standing

 with HIM).

**~ Psalms 11: 7**

For the LORD is Righteous, HE loves Righteousness; HIS Countenance beholds the upright.

**~ Psalms 5: 12**

For YOU, O LORD, will bless the righteous; With Favor YOU will surround him as with A Shield.

 **But HE hears the Prayer of the Righteous - Proverbs 15: 29b.**

**~ The Fear of the LORD is the instruction of Wisdom, and before Honor is humility.**

 **- Proverbs 15: 33**

**Our Worship Attitude to GOD – Our Desire, Trust & Faith in our LORD as our Good Shepherd.**

**Proverbs 3: 5 – 6**

Trust in the LORD *with all your heart*, and lean not on *your own understanding*;

In all your ways acknowledge HIM, and HE shall direct your paths.

**~ Psalms 23: 3**

 HE restores my soul; HE leads me in the paths of Righteousness For HIS Name's Sake.

**Faith is Trusting with All Your Heart Without Sight Assurance but HIS Word as HIS Promise.**

**~ Hebrews 11: 1**

Now FAITH is the substance of Things Hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**~ Hebrews 11: 1 (AMPC)**

Now FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, *the title deed*) of the things [*we*] hope for, being

 the proof of things [*we*] do not see *and* the conviction of their reality [*faith perceiving as real fact*

 *what is not revealed to the senses*].

**~ Hebrews 11: 6**

But without FAITH It *is impossible* to please HIM, for he who comes to GOD must believe that HE is,

 and *that* HE is a Rewarder of those *who diligently seek* HIM.

**~ Hebrews 11: 6 (AMPC)**

But without FAITH It *is impossible* to please *and* be satisfactory to HIM. For whoever would

 *come near to* GOD must [*necessarily*] believe that GOD exists and that HE is the Rewarder

 of those who *earnestly and diligently seek* HIM [*out*]

**~ Hebrews 12: 2**

Looking unto JESUS, the Author and Finisher of our FAITH, Who for the Joy that was *set before* HIM

 endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has *Sat down at* the Right Hand of the Throne of GOD.