**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message - 04 February 2018**

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**Theme : To Freely Receive, To Freely Give – To ENGAGE & BEAR FRUITS (2)**

# “Freely you have Received, Freely Give” - JESUS told HIS Disciples, *Spiritually* - Matthew 10: 8b.

# GOD’s People in HIS Church to be Known for their Faith in CHRIST JESUS and Love for People.

~ Our Good Works bring Glory to GOD thru our Faith in CHRIST JESUS and Love for *All People.*

 - As to Love the Ones who are Not Easily Lovable.

**Our Mission – Our Good Works are to Impact our Communities, which Requires us to ENGAGE with the People (Unbelievers), so that the Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy of CHRIST JESUS**

**will *Flow Out* from us who are *Being Filled Full* of the Truth and of the SPIRIT, to the Lost.**

**We Engage by GOING TO people, RELATING with them, Initiating to Focus on them, *Concern* of needs, Linking them to JESUS in their *Life Issues* – Our Spiritually *Sowing Seeds of Truth in Love*.**

**~ Freely we Receive from the SPIRIT, Freely we *Give Out* - Truth in Love is *Sown into* their hearts.**

Same Truth Seed we Received, is *Being Sown All* over the World, to Bear Fruit of Changing Lives.

# Colossians 1: 5b – 6 (NLT)

You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the Truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you *is going out all over the world*.

It is **Bearing Fruit everywhere by changing lives**, just as it changed your lives from the day

you first heard and understood the Truth about GOD’s Wonderful Grace.

# Churches Living in GOD’s Will, Fully Pleasing the LORD, Living Worthy of the LORD

# > Empowered by GOD’s Glory to bring Fruitfulness into the Communities we are Impacting.

> Impacting our Communities by Power of Change to Hearts and Lives, Sowing the Truth in Love.

Sowing is Diffusing A Fragrance, AN Aroma, A Sweet *Scent* or A Stinking *Odour* – *Spiritual Impact*

2 Corinthians 2: 14

Now thanks be to GOD who always leads us in Triumph in CHRIST, and through us *Diffuses* the

Fragrance of HIS Knowledge in every place.

~ an Aroma [wafted] from death to death – a fatal Odour, the smell of doom;

~ an Aroma from Life to Life – a vital Fragrance, living and fresh.

*Living Truth* in us is A *Spiritual Impartation* to the Lost, *Not Legalistic* or *Cheap Sales* Promotion.

**2 Corinthians 2: 14 – 17 (MSG)**

And I got it, thank GOD ! In the Messiah, in CHRIST, GOD leads us from place to place in one perpetual Victory Parade. Through us, HE brings Knowledge of CHRIST. Everywhere we Go, people *breathe in*

the exquisite Fragrance. Because of CHRIST, we give off a *Sweet Scent* rising to GOD, which is recognized by those on the Way of Salvation - an Aroma redolent *with Life*. But those on the way to destruction treat us more like *the stench from a rotting corpse.*

This is a terrific Responsibility. Is anyone *Competent* to take it on ?

No - but at least we don't take GOD's Word, *water it down*, and then take it to the streets *to sell IT cheap*. We stand in CHRIST's Presence when we speak; GOD looks us in the face.

We get what we Say *straight from* GOD and Say it *as honestly as we can*.

Lost in Communities will read us *Alive Believers* In CHRIST *as Letters* *written by* the Alive SPIRIT.

**2 Corinthians 3: 3 – 4** **(NLT)** Clearly, you are a *Letter* from CHRIST showing the result of our ministry among you.

This “*Letter*” is written not with pen and ink, but with the SPIRIT of the Living GOD.

It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.

We are *confident of all* this because of our Great Trust in GOD through CHRIST.

**We under the New Covenant, under the New Way, are we *Qualified* by the Glorious SPIRIT ?**

**~ 2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 9**

**People in the World are with Offences - Anxiety, Agitation, Anger, Argue, Anti-Peace.**

**~ We in CHRIST, *Sanctified* by the Truth to Respond as *Alive Letters*, written by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Philippians 2: 14 – 16a (NLT)**

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you.

Live clean, innocent lives as children of GOD, shining like Bright Lights in a World

*Full of Crooked* and *Perverse people*. *Hold firmly* to the Word of Life.

**The New WAY thru JESUS is Glorious – As HE Asked the FATHER for All HIS Disciples be Sanctified, Be Renewed, Be Filled, to Receive HIS Joy – to Go into the World *to tell* the Truth.**

**John 17: 13 – 20 (NLT)**

“Now I am coming to YOU. I *told them many things* while I was with them in this world so

they *would be filled with* MY Joy.I have given them YOUR Word.

And the world hates them because *they do not belong to the world*, just as I *do not belong to the world*.

I’m not asking YOU to take them out of the world, but to *keep them safe* from the evil one.

They do not belong to this world any more than I do.Make *them holy by* YOUR Truth;

teach them YOUR Word, which is Truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I *am sending*

*them into the world*. And I give MYSELF as a Holy SACRIFICE for them so *they can be*

*made holy* by YOUR Truth.”

“I am praying not only for these disciples but *also for all who will ever believe in me through*

*their* message.”

**Engaging *Many & Diverse Communities* - By ‘Sharing’ our New Life in CHRIST, we *Been Renewed*.**

**~ Common Ground, Common Social Denominator in Status, Social Patterns & Life-Style.**

**Engage by *Seizing Opportunity* - The LORD of the Harvest *Always Creating Opportunities* to Sow.**

**~ Each one Sow, Water to *Reap Together*, as the LORD *gives us the Increase* from Communities.**

**We who are Qualified by Faith, and by the SPIRIT, are to Rely on GOD’s Grace, *Not on Self*.**

**2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 8 (NLT)**

So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given A Thorn in my flesh,

a messenger from Satan *to torment me and keep me from becoming proud*.

Three different times I begged the LORD to take it away.

**~ Apostle Paul did Not Escape from the LORD Allowing Human *weaknesses in his own body*.**

**2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 10**

And lest I should be *exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations*, A Thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to *buffet me*, lest I be exalted above measure.

Concerning this thing I pleaded with the LORD three times that it might depart from me.

And HE said to me, **"MY Grace is sufficient for you, for MY Strength is *made perfect in weakness*."**

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that **the Power of CHRIST** may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses,

for CHRIST's Sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

**As Paul an Apostle and Job in OT are Righteousness in GOD’s Sight**

**- Yet the LORD GOD allowed Affliction of Weaknesses in their body, not due to any sin.**

**2 Corinthians 13: 5 – 6**

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.

But I trust that you will know that *we are not* disqualified.

**Partaking Communion any Sunday, is to Remind us, as A Caution to Believers.**

**1 Corinthians 11: 30**

**For this reason *many are weak* and sick among you, and many sleep.**

**1 Corinthians 11: 26 – 29**

For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the LORD's Death till HE comes. Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the LORD in an *unworthy manner*

will be guilty of the Body and Blood of the LORD. But let a man *examine himself*, and

so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

For he who eats and drinks in *an unworthy manner* eats and drinks judgment to himself,

not discerning the LORD's Body.

**The LORD GOD Knows HIS Creation of Human is HIS Image, yet *Weak in Flesh & Soul*.**

**Genesis 6: 5 – 6**

Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man *was* great in the earth, and *that* *every intent*

of the thoughts of his heart *was* only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that HE had

made man on the earth, and HE was grieved in HIS Heart.

**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 Issue of Iniquity, moment A Child is Born from his mother’s womb *Tendency towards sin*.**

**Psalm 51: 5 – 6**

Behold, I was *brought forth in iniquity*, and in sin my mother conceived me.

Behold, You desire Truth in the inward parts, and *in the hidden part*

YOU will make me to know wisdom.

**Isaiah 6: 7**

And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your *iniquity* is taken away, And *your sin purged*.”

**Ezekiel 18: 30b – 31**

"Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so *that iniquity will not be your ruin*.

Cast away from you *all the transgressions which you have committed*, and

get yourselves a *New Heart* and a *New Spirit*. For why should you die, O House of Israel ?”

**As We are in the World to Engage the Communities, there will be Offenses & Temptations**

**~ so we have to be Honest to Examine our Weaknesses to Sin thru *Iniquities of Generations*.**

**Malachi 3: 2 – 3**

"But who can endure the Day of HIS Coming ? And who can stand when HE appears ?

For HE *is* like a Refiner's Fire and like launderers' soap.

HE will sit as a Refiner and a Purifier of silver; HE *will purify* the sons of Levi, and

*purge them* as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD An Offering in Righteousness.”

**The LORD GOD Knows *Human Weaknesses* in Overcoming Temptations & Tests towards Sin.**

**James 1: 12 – 16 (NLT); 14 – 16 (NKJ)**

GOD blesses those who *patiently endure testing and temptation*. Afterward they will receive

the *crown of life* that GOD has promised to those who love HIM. And remember, when you are

being tempted, do not say, “GOD is tempting me.” GOD is never tempted to do wrong, and

he *never tempts anyone else*.

Temptation comes from *our own desires*, which *entice us* and drag us away.

These desires *give birth to sinful actions*. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

So don’t be misled, my dear brothers and sisters.

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by *his own desires and enticed.*

Then, when *desire has conceived*, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when *it is full-grown*, brings forth death.

Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

**James 3: 14 – 18**

But if you have *bitter envy* and ***self-seeking*** in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the Truth.

This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, *demonic*.

For where envy and ***self-seeking exist****,* confusion and every evil thing *are* there.

But the Wisdom that is from Above is first Pure, then Peaceable, Gentle, Willing to yield,

full of Mercy and Good Fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Now the Fruit of Righteousness *is sown in* Peace by those who *Make Peace*.

**JESUS’ Way of Truth, the Truth that Set Human Free of Living *Self-Seeking Lies* of Deception.**

**Matthew 5: 9**

Blessed *are* the *Peacemakers*, for they shall be called sons of GOD.

**World is Living in Lies of Deception for Ungodly Pattern of *Living in Unrighteousness* – Media.**

**Romans 1: 18, 24 – 26a**

For the Wrath of GOD is revealed from Heaven *against all ungodliness* and *unrighteousness of men, who suppress* the Truth in unrighteousness,

Therefore GOD also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts,

to *dishonor their bodies among themselves*, *who exchanged* the Truth of GOD *for the lie*, and

worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason GOD gave them up to vile passions.