**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 10 June 2018**

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**Theme : Danger of Hidden Sins in Believers (2)**

**Matthew 5: 1 – 2**
And seeing the multitudes, HE went up on a mountain, and when HE was seated

HIS disciples came to HIM.
Then HE opened HIS mouth and taught them, saying:

**~ Blessed are...
~ The Poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven...
~ Reference Matthew Chapter 5.

~ These are the very Foundations & the Character Life & Attitudes of the Kingdom of GOD.
~ The Inner Disposition of the Heart and Thoughts to be Cultivated in Born Again Believers,**

 **after CHRIST.

~ The Scripture is very clear :
~ Romans 3: 23 (NLT)**

 For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of GOD's Glorious Standard. **~ This is the real identity of all human race’s Inner man after the fall,**

 **separation from the HOLY GOD.
~ Without the Zoe/Life of GOD & without the True knowledge of the Almighty GOD.
~ Nature of sin & death becomes the dominant negative emotion > Fear & Insecurity > Self Life.

John 3: 6 – 7 (NLT)**Humans can reproduce only human life, but the HOLY SPIRIT gives birth to SPIRITUAL life.
So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’

**~ JESUS came to Restore mankind to their Original Created Image after GOD, before the Fall.
~ To TRANSFORM the Inner man with HIS LIFE/ ZOE, SPIRIT – New Identity In CHRIST.

2 Corinthians 5: 17 (AMP)**
Therefore if anyone is in CHRIST [that is, grafted in, joined to HIM by faith in HIM as Savior],

he is a new creature [reborn and renewed by the HOLY SPIRIT];

the old things [the previous moral and spiritual condition] have passed away.

Behold, new things have come [because spiritual awakening brings a new life].

**Romans 6: 23**
For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of GOD is eternal life in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.

**Reference Luke 16: 19 – 31 ~ The rich man & Lazarus.

Luke 16: 24, 26 (NLT)**“The rich man shouted, ‘Father Abraham, have some pity ! Send Lazarus over here to

dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue. I am in anguish in these flames.’

‘And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and

no one can cross over to us from there.’

**Luke 16: 27 – 28 (NLT)**
“Then the rich man said, ‘Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father’s home.
For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don’t end up in this place of torment.’

**Abraham replied :
If they won't believe the warning from the Scripture & the Prophets, they won't be persuaded**

**even if someone is raised from the dead.**

**JESUS Taught :**

**The First Pre-requisite of the Kingdom Of GOD – Poor in spirit !**

**For Without it there is no entry into the Kingdom of GOD & all other Beatitudes.

Matthew 5: 3 (AMP)**
“Blessed [spiritually prosperous, happy, to be admired] are the poor in spirit [those devoid of

spiritual arrogance, those who regard themselves as insignificant], for theirs is the kingdom of heaven [both now and forever].
 **Poor in spirit = Destitute & is in Desperate Need of GOD in our Inner man.

Philippians 2: 5 (AMP)**
Have this same attitude in yourselves which was in CHRIST JESUS [look to HIM as your example in selfless humility].
 **The Opposite of Poor in spirit  >< Full of Pride.

Proverbs 16: 18 – 19 (AMP)**
Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.
It is better to be humble in spirit with the lowly than to divide the spoil with the proud (haughty, arrogant).
 **~ Being PRIDEFUL toward GOD & the things that matter to HIM, is the most Destructive Attitude.
~ Its origin is from satan, who was created to serve GOD’s Purpose, as Light Bearer.
~ He sinned against GOD – it started in his heart.
~ 'For you have said in your heart'... prideful thinking and inner desires.

Isaiah 14: 13 – 14**For you have said in your heart:
‘I will ascend into heaven,
I will exalt my throne above the stars of GOD;
I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north;
I will ascend above the heights of the clouds,
I will be like the Most High.’

**Psalms 10: 4**
The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek GOD; GOD is in none of his thoughts.

**~ Reference Psalms 10: 5 – 11
~ How the devil works in the heart of prideful man… it stands behind them, so they**

 **exemplified him against the TRUTH of GOD in Disbelief & Disobedience.

~ Man trusts in his/her own achievement, self sufficiency, self love, self made, self esteem,**

 **without GOD.
 -  This is how the world identifies a person.
 -  Base on their look, what they wear, achievement or failure.
~ Taking into their own hand – how to live, how life is valued – with no consideration of**

 **GOD’s Eternal Purpose for them.

Many Christians fall into this false identity :
Not knowing their Identity in CHRIST > fall into various deception.**

**Colossians 1: 27**To them GOD willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is CHRIST in you, the Hope of Glory.

**~ Recent Suicides :
~ Life crisis, negative destructive emotion & depression can strike – making one think that**

 **life is not worth living.
~ This is the voice of the stranger, the devil's lies, to give one sense of hopelessness.**

**Romans 5: 8**
But GOD demonstrates HIS own Love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, CHRIST died for us.

**2 Corinthians 5: 16a (AMP)**
So from now on we regard no one from a human point of view [according to worldly standards and values]...

**Romans 5: 9 – 10 (MSG)**
Now that we are set right with GOD by means of this Sacrificial Death, the consummate Blood Sacrifice, there is no longer a question of being at odds with GOD in any way.
If, when we were at our worst, we were put on friendly terms with GOD by the Sacrificial Death of

HIS SON, now that we’re at our best, just think of how our lives will expand and deepen by means of

HIS Resurrection Life !

**~ Apostle Paul faced challenges in his ministry life as well as inner struggles, but**

 **he never allowed himself to become the Victim of the devil’s deception.
~ Reference 2 Corinthians 11: 24 – 28 ; Romans 7: 18 – 20.
~ He knows his identity is in CHRIST, and he lives his life of Faith, in who he is in CHRIST JESUS,**

 **which is his real identity now.

Galatians 2: 20**I have been crucified with CHRIST; it is no longer I who live, but CHRIST lives in me; and the life which

I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the SON of GOD Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

**Paul lived in the Power of the HOLY SPIRIT.

Ephesians 5: 18 (AMP)**Do not get drunk with wine, for that is wickedness (corruption, stupidity), but be filled with the

[HOLY] SPIRIT and constantly guided by HIM.

**2 Corinthians 10: 3 – 5**
For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in GOD for pulling down strongholds.
Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of GOD,

bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of CHRIST.

**Spiritual Discipline = Walking in Obedience in the Truth & in the Spirit.

Romans 8: 26 – 27**
Likewise the SPIRIT also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as

we ought, but the SPIRIT Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.
Now HE Who searches the hearts knows what the Mind of the SPIRIT is, because

HE makes intercession for the saints according to the Will of GOD.

**Isaiah 33: 6 (AMP)**
And HE will be the Security and Stability of your times, a Treasure of Salvation, Wisdom and Knowledge; The fear of the LORD is your treasure.

**~ Suicides are making headlines – the inner man cannot find Peace without GOD.
~ The LORD JESUS is looking into our hearts.
~ Reference Matthew 5: 21 – 47.
~ Our Heart Attitude in the Daily Interaction with others might seem insignificant.
 But it can hinder our Spiritual Growth, Maturity & Strength.**
**Ephesians 6: 10 – 11**Finally, my brethren, be strong in the LORD and in the Power of HIS Might.
Put on the whole armor of GOD, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

**Ephesians 6: 12**
For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against

the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

**Wise Living !

Song Of Solomon 2: 15**Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes.

**The little things In the heart :
~ Anger - name calling
~ Lust of the eyes – adultery
~ Treacherous heart toward your spouse – divorce
~ Oath
~ Get even – revenge
~ Love your neighbor, hate your enemy

~ These are natural human tendency but are not of the Spirit Life of Higher Law - Victorious Living
~ News - Rattlesnake that was severed head, strike with poison & almost killed the man.
~ The old nature that was crucified in CHRIST, can kill, poison our Spiritual Growth.

Romans 8: 12 – 13**

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.
For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the

deeds of the body, you will live.

**~ In this perilous end time, where worldliness is fashionable, pride of life will become a**

 **subtle destructive force in a Christian’s Faith Walk.
~ We need company of Committed and Strong Christians whose Faith Walk is after the**

 **SPIRIT and Truth – Importance of LifeGroup.

1 Peter 5: 8**
Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion,

seeking whom he may devour.

**Isaiah 33: 15 – 16**
He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly, he who despises the gain of oppressions,

who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed,

and shuts his eyes from seeing evil:
He will dwell on high; his place of defense will be the fortress of rocks;

Bread will be given him, his water will be sure.

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