**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 11 February 2018**

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**Theme : To Freely Receive, To Freely Give – To ENGAGE & BEAR FRUITS (3)**

# “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.**

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

# Colossians 1: 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 are

# > 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.

**Under the New Covenant & the New Way, *Qualified* by the Glorious SPIRIT, the Lost in Communities *will read* *Alive Believers* In CHRIST *as Letters* *written by* the Alive SPIRIT.**

**- 2 Corinthians 12: 3 – 9**

**People Living in this World will be with Offenses - 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: 13 – 16a**

 For it is GOD Who works in you both to will and to do for HIS good pleasure. Do all things

 without complaining and disputing, that you may become *blameless and harmless*,

 children of GOD *without fault* in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,

 among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast 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: 15 – 20 (NLT)**

“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.**

**The LORD GOD Knows HIS Creation of Human in HIS Image, is 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: 7b**

 “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.

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

**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*.

**~ GOD’s Grace is sufficient for us, for GOD’s Strength is *made perfect in our weaknesses.***

**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.

**Being Friendly to World’s Pattern of Living for Self & *Pleasing Self*, is to *Trade Truth for A Lie*.**

**James 4: 3 – 4**

You ask and do not receive, because you ask ***AMiss***, that you may spend it *on your pleasures*. ***Adulterers and adulteresses !***

Do you not know that *friendship with the world is enmity with* GOD ?

Whoever therefore wants to be *a friend of the world* makes himself an enemy of GOD.

**World’s Ways Swayed > Deception > Degeneration > Disfunction > Demonic > Destruction.**

**Idolatry > Issue of ‘Idol’ in Heart > UnFaithfulness to GOD > Adultery with the World.**

**1 Samuel 15: 23**

“For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and *Stubbornness* *is as* iniquity and idolatry.

Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, HE also has rejected you from *being king*.”

**Idolatry is the *Cause* of Disobedience to the Word of GOD, but Iniquity is the *Root* to Rebel.**

**1 Samuel 15: 22 (NLT)**

But Samuel replied, “What is more *Pleasing* to the LORD:

your burnt offerings and *sacrifices* or *your obedience to* HIS Voice?

Listen ! Obedience *is better than sacrifice*, and submission is better than *offering the fat of rams*.”

**Idolatry causes Adultery with the World, so Iniquity causes Craving Lusts *to Dominate* flesh.**

**1 John 2: 15 – 17**

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the Love of the

FATHER is not in him. For all *that is in* the world - the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,

and the pride of life - is not of the FATHER but is of the world. And the world is *passing away*,

and the lust of it; but he who does the will of GOD abides forever.

**~ 1 John 2: 16 – 17 (NLT)**

 For the world offers only *a craving* for physical pleasure, *a craving* for everything we see,

 and *pride in our achievements and possessions*. These are not from the FATHER, but are

 from this world. And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave.

 But anyone who does what pleases GOD will live forever.

~ **1 John 5: 19**

 We know that we are of GOD, and the *whole world lies under the sway of*the wicked one.

**In Jewish History of the kings, after Saul, David & Solomon, only 2 Kings made a Distinct line**

**~ against Idolatry, they live what is Right in GOD’s Sight & lead the People to Remove Idols.**

**We in CHRIST, to Draw the Line of the Kingdom with this World and the Ideals & Things in It.**