**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 13 January 2019**

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**Theme : Arise & Shine – Renewed Mind and Attitude**

**As we enter New Year 2019, let us Start the year with Full of Expectation, Running with**

**GOD’s Given Vision for us as a local Church.**

**Aflame Mission Statement :**

**We are a Church Aflame with GOD’s Heart in Worship & Prayer, by Living Passionately according to HIS Word & Purpose, so as to Impact our Communities with Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy.**

**We are Called Out of darkness Into HIS Marvelous Light, to Shine !**

**Ephesians 1: 18 (AMP)**

And (I pray) that the eyes of your heart (the very centre and core of your being) may be

Enlightened (flooded with Light by the HOLY SPIRIT), so that you will know and cherish the Hope

(the Divine guarantee, the Confident expectation) to which HE has called you, the riches of

HIS Glorious inheritance in the saints (GOD’s people).

**John 8: 12 (AMP)**

Once more JESUS addressed the crowd, HE said “I am the LIGHT of the world. He who Follows ME

will not walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life.

**As the World is getting Darker and the Times will be More Evil, we are to Shine Brighter.**

**John 12: 46 (AMP)**

I have come as LIGHT into the World, so that everyone who Believes and Trusts in ME (as Savior –

all those who anchor their hope in ME and rely on the Truth of MY Message) will Not Continue to live in darkness.

**GOD’s Power working within us to Illuminate, Not of Self.**

**Psalm 18: 28 (AMP)**

For you cause my Lamp to be Lighted and to Shine, the LORD my GOD illumines my darkness.

**GOD purchased us by HIS Blood and brings us out of darkness into HIS Light**

**to live on GOD’s side as HIS people, as a Church, as a Body of CHRIST.**

**Colossians 1: 22 – 23 (MSG)**

But now, by giving HIMSELF completely at the Cross, actually dying for you, CHRIST brought you

over to GOD’s Side and put your lives together, whole and holy in HIS Presence.

You don’t walk away from a gift like that ! You stay grounded and steady in that bond of trust,

constantly tuned in to the Message, careful not to be distracted or diverted.

**We were all Once in the Kingdom of Darkness of this World.**

**Ephesians 5: 8 – 10 (AMPC)**

For once you were darkness, but now you are Light in the LORD;

Walk as children of Light (lead the lives of those native-born to the LIGHT).

For the fruit (the effect, the product) of the LIGHT or the SPIRIT (consists) in every form of

kindly goodness, uprightness of heart, and trueness of life.

**We are called out of Darkness, Illuminated to be HIS Children of Light,**

**to Contrast and Expose what is of Darkness.**

**Ephesians 5: 11 – 13 (AMP)**

Take no part in and have no fellowship with the fruitless deeds and enterprises of darkness, but instead **(let your lives be so in Contrast as to**) expose and reprove and convict them.

For it is a shame even to speak of or mention the things that (such people) practice in secret.

But when anything is exposed and reproved by the Light, it is made visible and clear, and

where everything is visible and clear there is Light.

**Ephesians 4: 17 (NLT)**

With the LORD’s Authority I say this : Live no longer as the Gentiles do for they are hopelessly confused.

**Without CHRIST, the World is in darkness – Confusion, not knowing what is right and**

**what is wrong.**

**Isaiah 5: 20**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness,

who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter !

**1 Peter 2: 11 – 12 (NLT / MSG)**

Dear friends, I warn you as “Temporary residents and Foreigner” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbours.

Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behaviour and

they will give honor to GOD when HE judges the world.

Friends, this world is not your home, so don’t make yourselves cozy in it. Don’t indulge your ego at the expense of your soul.Live an exemplary life among the natives so that your actions will refute their prejudices. Then they’ll be won over to GOD’s Side and be there to join in the celebration when HE arrives.

**Ephesians 4: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

So I, prisoner for the LORD, appeal to you to live a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called (that is, to live a life that exhibits Godly character, moral courage, personal integrity, and mature behaviour - a life that expresses gratitude to GOD for your salvation), with all humility (forsaking self-righteousness), and gentleness (maintaining self control) with patience, bearing one another in (unselfish) love.

**Walking in the Newness of life with Renewed Mind and Attitude.**

**Ephesians 4: 22 – 23 (NLT)**

Throw off your sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception.

Instead, let the SPIRIT renew your thoughts and attitudes.

**Our Mind and Our Attitude are to be Renewed to be like CHRIST – to Shine Brighter.**

**Renewed Mind – Heavenly, not Earthly.**

**Colossians 3: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

Therefore if you have been raised with CHRIST (to a New Life, sharing in HIS Resurrection from the dead), keep seeking the things that are above, where CHRIST is, Seated at the Right Hand of GOD.

Set your Mind and Keep Focused Habitually on the things above (the Heavenly Things),

not on things that are on the earth (which have only temporal value).

**We are living in the world, surrounded by worries, anxiety and fear for the temporal.**

**Luke 12: 29 – 31 (NLT)**

And don’t be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don’t worry about such things.

These things Dominate the Thoughts of Unbelievers all over the world, but your FATHER already

knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of GOD above all else and HE will give you everything you need.

**Aflame Core Value #1 – HONOR GOD**

We believe that GOD is worthy of our highest honor, and as such we are to give our SAVIOR the

LORD JESUS CHRIST the first place in our hearts & mind, personal life and in HIS CHURCH.

Eg King Solomon – Asking & Seeking for the things that are of GOD.

**1 King 3: 5, 9 – 13 (NLT)**

That night the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream, and GOD said, “What do you want?

Ask, and I will give it to you!”

“Give me an Understanding Heart so that I can govern YOUR people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?”

The LORD was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. So GOD replied,

“Because you have asked for wisdom in governing MY people with justice and have not asked for a

long life or wealth or the death of your enemies – I will give you what you asked for !

I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have !

And I will also give you what you did not ask for – riches and fame !

No other king in the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life !”

**Renewed Attitude**

**Philippians 2: 5 (NLT)**

You must have the same Attitude that CHRIST JESUS had.

**HUMILITY**

**Philippians 2: 6 – 8 (NLT)**

Though HE was GOD, HE did not think equality with GOD as something to cling to.

Instead, HE gave up HIS Divine Privileges; HE took the humble position of a slave and was

born as a human being.

When HE appeared in human form, HE humbled HIMSELF in obedience to GOD and died a

criminal’s death on a cross.

**Pride hinders us from seeing the needs of others.**

**Philippians 2: 3 – 4 (NLT)**

Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be Humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves.

Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

**Romans 12: 16 (AMP)**

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty (conceited, self-important, exclusive), but

associate with humble people (those with a realistic self view). Do not overestimate yourself.

**Attitude of GRATITUDE**

**Lifestyle that express Gratitude to GOD.**

**Ephesians 4: 24 (AMP)**

Put on the new self( the regenerated and renewed nature), created in GOD’s image, (GOD like) in the righteousness and holiness of the Truth ( living in a way that expresses to GOD your gratitude for

your salvation).

**Ephesians 5: 4 (NLT)**

Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes – these are not for you.

Instead, let there be thankfulness to GOD.

**To Cultivate the Attitude of Gratitude to the LORD in Every Circumstance / Situation.**

**Colossians 4: 5 – 6 (NLT)**

Live Wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity.

Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response to everyone.

**GOD is the ONE who Enables and Empowers HIS People to Shine into Darkness.**

**Philippians 2: 13 – 16 (AMP)**

For it is (not your strength, but it is) GOD Who is effectively at work in you, both to will and to work (that is, strengthening, energizing, and creating in you the longing and the ability to fulfil your purpose) for

HIS Good Pleasure.

Do everything without murmuring or questioning (the providence of GOD), so that you may

prove yourselves to be blameless and guileless, innocent and uncontaminated, children of GOD

without blemish in the midst of a (morally) crooked and (spiritually)perverted generation, among whom

you are seen as Bright Lights (beacons shining out clearly) in the world (of darkness),

holding out and offering to everyone the Word of Life, so that in the Day of CHRIST I will have reason to rejoice greatly because I did not run (my race) in vain nor labor without result.

**Attitude of EXCELLENCE**

**Colossians 3: 23 – 24 (AMP)**

Whatever you do (what ever your task may be), work from the soul (that is, put in your best effort),

as (something done) for the LORD and not for men.

Knowing (with all certainty) that it is from the LORD (not from men) that you will receive the inheritance which is your (greatest) reward. It is the LORD CHRIST Whom you (actually) serve.

**Aflame Core Value #4 – Spirit of Excellence**

We believe in giving GOD our best by being HIS Excellent workmanship through every goodwork,

ministry and service in our marketplace, characterized by our excellent attitude and motivation.

**Daniel 6: 3 (ESV)**

Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an

Excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom.

**Colossians 3: 17**

And whatever you do or say, do it as a Representative of the LORD JESUS, giving thanks though HIM to GOD the FATHER.

**Colossians 2: 6 – 7 (AMP)**

Therefore as you have received CHRIST JESUS the LORD, walk in (Union with) HIM (reflecting

HIS Character in the things you Do and Say – Living lives that lead others away from sin),

having deeply rooted (in HIM) and now being continually built up in HIM and (becoming increasingly more) established in your faith, just as you were taught and overflowing in it with Gratitude.

**We are saved to Represent HIM, and be an Example in Conversation, in Word, in Faith, in Purity,**

**in Character and in Love.**

**1 Timothy 4: 12 (NLT)**

Don’t let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an Example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, in your faith and your purity.

**The LORD is looking for men and women whom HE can Trust and Use in this adulterous generation. Whose hearts are Fully Committed and Loyal to HIM, Ready to Respond in**

**Full Obedience.**

**2 Chronicles 16: 9a (NLT / NKJ)**

The Eyes of the LORD search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are

fully committed to HIM.

For the Eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show HIMself Strong on behalf of those whose hearts are Loyal to HIM.

**Ephesians 4: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

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**We are illuminated for a Purpose to SOW, as to Contrast and Expose what is of darkness, so**

**As Many will be Drawn to HIS LIGHT.**