**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 18 November 2018**

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**Theme : Living Hope in JESUS, the RESURRECTION (2)**

**Man Knows Time in Living Now, Then a Time to Die & Return to Dust, our *Spirits be Judged*.**

**~ Hebrews 9: 27 – 28**

And as it is appointed for *men to die once*, but after this the Judgment, so CHRIST was Offered

 Once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for HIM HE will appear a second time,

 *apart from sin*, for salvation.

**~ Psalm 119: 137**

 Righteous are YOU, O LORD, and Upright are YOUR Judgments.

**~ 1 Peter 4: 17**

 For the time *has come* for Judgment to begin at the House of GOD; and if *it begins* with us first,

 what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the Gospel of GOD ?

**~ 2 Corinthians 5: 9 – 10**

Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to HIM. For we must

 All appear before the Judgment Seat of CHRIST, that each one may receive the things *done* in

 the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

**JESUS Addressed Life & Death, the Purpose of HIS Coming as ‘the Resurrection & the Life’.**

**John 5: 26 – 30**

For as the FATHER has Life in Himself, so HE has granted the SON to have Life in HIMSelf, and has given HIM Authority to execute Judgment also, because HE is the SON of Man. Do not marvel at this;

for the Hour is Coming in which all who are in the graves will hear HIS Voice and come forth - those

who have *done good*, to the Resurrection of Life, and those who have *done evil*, to the *resurrection of condemnation*.”

“I can of MYSelf do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and MY Judgment is Righteous, because

I do not seek MY Own Will but the Will of the FATHER Who sent ME.”

**Man’s Desire is to Have Eternity, GOD’s Creation in Man’s Heart but Self Will of Pride to Deny.**

**Ecclesiastes 3: 11, 14, 17, 21 (AMP)**

HE has made everything Beautiful *and* appropriate in Its Time. HE has also planted *Eternity*

[*a sense of* Divine Purpose] *in the human heart* [*a Mysterious longing which nothing under the sun*

*can satisfy,* exceptGOD] - yet man cannot find out (comprehend, grasp) what GOD has done

(HIS overall Plan) from the Beginning to the End.

I know that whatever GOD Does, it Endures Forever; nothing can be added to it nor can anything

be taken from it, for GOD Does it so that men will fear and worship HIM [*with Awe-filled Reverence, knowing that* HE is GOD].

I said to myself, "GOD will judge both the Righteous and the wicked," for there is a Time [*Appointed*]

for every matter and for every deed.

Who knows if the spirit of man ascends upward and the spirit of the animal descends downward to the earth?

**~ Parable of Lazarus, beggar & the Rich man, Both Died, their Spirits ? – Luke 16: 22 – 23.**

**Man’s Hope to be Made Peace with GOD in CHRIST thru HIS Blood on the Cross to Reconcile**

**- Colossians 1: 17 – 23.**

**CHRIST’s Reconciliation for Union by our Spiritual Circumcision of all Sinful Nature to Renew**

**Colossians 2: 10 – 15 (NLT)**

So you also are complete *through your union with* CHRIST, Who is the HEAD over every ruler and authority. When you came to CHRIST, you were “circumcised,” but *not by a physical procedure*. CHRIST performed A Spiritual Circumcision - *the cutting away of your sinful nature*.

For you were buried with CHRIST when you were baptized. And with HIM you *were Raised to* New Life because you trusted the Mighty Power of GOD, Who Raised CHRIST from the dead.

You were dead because of your sins and because *your sinful nature was not yet cut away*.

Then GOD Made you Alive with CHRIST, for HE *forgave all our sins.* HE cancelled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the Cross. In this way, HE *disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities*. HE *shamed them publicly* by HIS Victory over them on the Cross.

**Believers can be Fooled & Deceived Thinking by own Effort, Gaining GOD’s Mercy of Life.**

**Galatians 3: 1 – 3 (NLT)**

Oh, foolish Galatians ! Who has cast an evil spell on you ? For the meaning of JESUS CHRIST’s Death was made as clear to you as if you had seen a picture of HIS Death on the Cross.

Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the HOLY SPIRIT by obeying the law of Moses ?

Of course NOT ! You received the SPIRIT because you *believed the Message* you heard about CHRIST. How foolish can you be ? After starting your New Lives in the SPIRIT, why are you now trying to

become perfect *by your own human effort* ?

**~ 2 Corinthians 4: 4 (AMP)**

 Among them the god of this world [satan] *has blinded* the MINDS of the Unbelieving to prevent them

 from seeing the Illuminating Light of the Gospel of the Glory of CHRIST, Who is the Image of GOD.

**~** **2 Corinthians 2: 11 (NLT)**

So that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his *evil schemes*.

**a. Satan outsmart Believers with Deceitful spirits with False Doctrines & False Religious Beliefs.**

**1 Timothy 4: 1**

Now the SPIRIT expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the Faith,

giving heed to *deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons*.

**b. Spirits of the world are Seducing & Enticing spirits, that will entrap Believers in Compromising.**

**1 Corinthians 2: 12**

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the SPIRIT Who is from GOD, that we might

know the things that have been freely given to us by GOD.

**c. Demonic spirits imitate the Spiritual Power of GOD’s Truth & Show Signs to deceive Believers.**

**Revelation 16: 14**

For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and

of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of GOD Almighty.

**d. Lying spirits can possess unrighteous prophets & teachers, to Tell ‘Fake News & Instructions’.**

**Believers are Not Battling Flesh & Blood, we are to Be Aware of enemy’s Evil Scheming Ways.**

**2 Thessalonians 2: 3 (AMP)**

Let no one in any way deceive or entrap you, for that day will not come unless the apostasy comes first [that is, the great rebellion, *the abandonment of the faith* by professed Christians], and the man of Lawlessness is revealed, *the son of destruction* [the AntiChrist, the one who is destined to be destroyed].

**2 Thessalonians 2: 7 – 8 (AMP)**

For the mystery of lawlessness [rebellion against Divine Authority and the coming reign of Lawlessness]

is ALREADY at Work; [but it is RESTRAINED] only until *he who now restrains it is taken out of the way*.

Then the Lawless One [the AntiChrist] will be revealed and the LORD JESUS will slay him with the

Breath of HIS Mouth and bring him to an end by the Appearance of HIS Coming.

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

**1 Peter 1: 3 – 5**

Blessed *be* the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, Who according to HIS abundant Mercy *has begotten us again* to A Living Hope through the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead, to an Inheritance *incorruptible* and *undefiled* and that does not fade away, *Reserved in Heaven* for you, who are kept by the Power of GOD *through faith for salvation ready* to be Revealed in the Last Time.

**The LORD our Judge will Reward Believers Enduring in Faith, till the End with Labor of Love.**

**~ Hebrews 6: 10 – 12**

 For GOD *is* not unjust to forget your Work and Labor of Love which you have shown toward

 HIS Name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one

 of you show the *same diligence to the full assurance of* Hope until the End, that you

 *do not become sluggish*, but imitate those who *through faith* *and patience* inherit the Promises.

**~ GOD is Faithful, Be Prudent & Obedient, Loyal to HIS Calling in Faith and Good Works.**

**Ecclesiastes 5: 1**

Walk prudently when you go to the House of GOD; and *draw near to hear* rather than to give

the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.

**Ecclesiastes 2: 11**

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled;

and indeed all *was* vanity and grasping for the wind.  *There was* *no profit* under the sun.

**Ecclesiastes 1: 14**

I have seen all the works which have been done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity, a

*futile grasping and* *chasing* after the wind.

**Believers Follow JESUS are Conforming to HIS Life, HIS Selfless Living, Sharing in HIS Life.**

**Matthew 16: 24 – 27 (AMP)**

Then JESUS said to HIS Disciples, "If anyone wishes to follow ME [*as* MY Disciple], he must

Deny himself [*set aside selfish interests*], and *take up his cross* [*expressing a willingness to endure whatever may come*] and follow ME [*believing in ME, Conforming to MY Example in Living and,*

*if need be, Suffering or perhaps Dying because of faith in ME*].

For whoever wishes to save his life [*in this world*] will [*eventually*] lose it [*through death*], but

whoever loses his life [*in this world*] for MY Sake *will find it* [*that is, life with ME for all Eternity*].

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world [*wealth, fame, success*], but *forfeits his soul* ?

Or what will a man give *In Exchange* for his soul ?

For the SON of Man is going to come in the Glory and Majesty of HIS FATHER with HIS Angels, and THEN HE WILL REPAY EACH ONE IN ACCORDANCE WITH WHAT HE HAS DONE.

**Willing to *Decrease* Self, CHRIST Increase Within us, Gaining CHRIST & HIS Righteousness.**

**Philippians 3: 7 – 9**

But what things *were Gain* to me, these I *have counted loss for* CHRIST.

Yet indeed I also count *All Things loss* for the Excellence of the knowledge of CHRIST JESUS my LORD, for Whom I have suffered the *loss of all things*, and *Count them as rubbish*, that I may Gain CHRIST and be Found in HIM, *not having my own righteousness*, which is from the law, but that which is through Faith in CHRIST, the Righteousness which is from GOD by Faith.

**Our Union in CHRIST is Relational, Experiential, Sharing & Conforming to HIS Life within us.**

**Philippians 3: 10 – 11 (AMP)**

And this, so that I may know HIM [*experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with* HIM*, understanding the remarkable Wonders of* HIS Person *more completely*] and [*in that same way experience*] the Power of HIS Resurrection [*which Overflows and is Active in believers*], and

[*that I may share*] the Fellowship of HIS Sufferings, by being continually Conformed [*Inwardly*

*into* HIS Likeness *even*] to HIS Death [*Dying as* HE did]; so that I may attain to the Resurrection

[*that will Raise me*] from the dead.

**Our Attitude of NOT YET Reach the Goal to be Resurrected Be With JESUS, We *in Progress*.**

**Philippians 3: 12 (AMP)**

Not that I have already obtained it [*this goal of being Christlike*] or have *already been made perfect*, but

I *actively Press On* so that I may *Take Hold* of that [*Perfection*] for which CHRIST JESUS *Took Hold*

of me and made me HIS Own.

**As the DAY Approaches, Assembly in Fellowship in Worship & in Word *to Stir Up to Encourage*.**

**Hebrews 10: 22 – 25 (NKJ), 25 (AMP)**

Let us draw near with a true heart in *Full Assurance of Faith*, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of *our* Hope

without wavering, for HE Who promised *is* Faithful.

And let us *Consider One Another* *in order To Stir Up* *Love and Good Works*, *NOT Forsaking* the assembling of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and

so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Not Forsaking our meeting together [as believers for worship and instruction], as is the habit of some,

but encouraging one another; and all the *more* [*Faithfully*] as you see the Day [of CHRIST's Return] approaching.

**To have Noble Heart Attitude & Open-Minded Belief & Trust in the WORD as The Bareans in Acts.**

**Acts 17: 11 (AMP)**

Now these people were *more Noble and Open-minded* than those in Thessalonica, so they received the Message [of salvation through Faith in the CHRIST] with great *Eagerness*, examining the Scriptures *Daily to see if these things were so*.

**The LORD Knows who are HIS, who Honor HIM as HIS Vessels, Stewards of HIS Great House.**

**Matthew 24: 45 – 46 (AMP)**

“Who then is the *faithful and wise servant* whom his Master has put in charge of HIS Household

to give the others [in the House] their food and supplies at the proper time ?

Blessed is that [faithful] servant when his Master returns and *finds him doing so*.”

**It is Never too Young to Believe in Eternity, Not to Wait till Crisis, Poor Health, Old Age.**

**Ecclesiastes 12: 1**

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, and

the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them".

**It is Never till Encounter Life’s Issues, Poor Health, Illness & Dying, then Discover your GOD.**

**Ecclesiastes 12: 6 – 7 (AMP)**

[*Remember your Creator earnestly now*] before the silver cord [*of life*] is snapped apart, or

the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern

[*and the whole circulatory system of the blood ceases to function*];

Then shall the dust [*out of which GOD made man's body*] return to the earth as it was, and

the spirit shall return to GOD Who gave it.

**GOD is Faithful & Merciful, so we are to have A Reverential & Healthy Fear to Obey HIS Word.**

**Ecclesiastes 12: 13 – 14**

Let us hear the Conclusion of the whole matter: Fear GOD and keep HIS Commandments,

For this is Man's All.

For GOD will bring every work into Judgment, Including every secret thing, whether good or evil.

**Philippians 3: 13 – 14 (NLT)**

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.

**Let us Have the Matured Attitude & Mind to Not Dwell on Past Gain & Achievements.**

**~ Willing to Count All Past as Yielded to Gain CHRIST in New Life.**

**~ Fully Focus to Actively Engage in Things of GOD, till the Day of Resurrection.**