**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message –25 November 2018**

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**Theme : Living Hope in JESUS, the RESURRECTION (3)**

**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.

**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.**

**~ JESUS’ Declaration, “I am the RESURRECTION and the LIFE” – John 11: 25a.**

**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.

**Living & Laboring without GOD’s Purpose, All be Futile and All Done in Vain.**

**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.

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

**Ecclesiastes 12: 1 – 2**

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.

**Man’s Life without GOD the Creator, is *Without* A Living Hope to Live Beyond an Earthly Life.**

**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.

**John 9: 39 (AMPC)**

Then JESUS said, I came into this world for Judgment [*as* a Separator*, in order that there*

*may be separation between those who believe on ME and those who reject ME*], to make

the Sightless See and to make *those who see* become blind.

**Deception in the World even on Believers, UnBelievers are Already Deceived & in Blindness.**

**~ 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*.

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

**1 Peter 1: 3 – 5 (AMPC)**

Praised (Honored, Blessed) be the GOD and FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah) !

By HIS boundless Mercy we have been Born Again to an Ever-Living Hope through the Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST from the dead,[*Born Anew*] into an Inheritance which is beyond the reach of change and decay [*Imperishable*], unsullied and unfading, Reserved in Heaven for you, Who

are being guarded (garrisoned) by GOD's Power through [*your*] Faith [*till you fully inherit that Final*] Salvation that is ready to be Revealed [*for you*] in the Last Time.

**Our Reborn Spirits are *ANew for Eternal Living*, and our Spiritual Strength for Living Now.**

**1 Peter 1: 6 – 9 (AMPC)**

[You should] be exceedingly glad on this account, though now for a little while you may be *distressed by trials*and*suffer temptations*, so that [*the genuineness*] of your Faith *may be tested*, [*your* Faith] which is infinitely more precious than the perishable gold which is tested and purified by fire. [*This Proving of your* Faith *is intended*] to redound to [*your*] praise and glory and honor when JESUS CHRIST (the Messiah, the Anointed ONE) is Revealed.

Without having seen HIM, you love HIM; though you do *Not* [*even*] *Now* see HIM, *you believe in* HIM and exult and thrill with inexpressible and Glorious (triumphant, Heavenly) Joy. [*At the same time*] you receive the result (Outcome, Consummation) of your Faith, the *Salvation of your souls*.

**~ Genuine Faith has to be Proven by Overcoming Outcomes of Tests in Trials & Temptations.**

**James 1: 2 – 4 (AMPC)**

Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or

fall into various temptations. Be assured and understand that the Trial and *Proving* of your Faith bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience.

But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have *full play*and do *a thorough work,* so that

you may be [people] *perfectly* and *fully developed* [*with no defects*], lacking in nothing.

**~ Abort Process of Trial & Temptation is *Abandoning* the Faith Journey to Develop Maturity.**

**1 John 2: 28 – 29 (AMPC)**

And now, little children, Abide (live, remain permanently) in HIM, so that when HE is made Visible,

we may have and enjoy perfect confidence (boldness, assurance) and not be ashamed and

shrink from HIM at HIS Coming. If you know (perceive and are sure) that HE [CHRIST] is [*absolutely*] Righteous [*conforming to the* FATHER's Will *in purpose, thought, and action*], you may also know

(be sure) that everyone who does righteously [*and is therefore in like manner Conformed to the*

Divine Will] is Born (begotten) of HIM [GOD].

**~ At JESUS’ Coming, we are Abiding in HIM, Conforming to GOD’s Will & HIS Righteousness.**

**Not to Take for Granted GOD’s LOVE Bestowed on us as we are Counted as HIS Children.**

**1 John 3: 1 (AMPC)**

SEE WHAT [*an Incredible*] Quality of Love the FATHER has Given (shown, Bestowed on) us, that

we should [*be permitted to*] be Named *and* Called *and* Counted the children of GOD ! And so we are !

The reason that the world does not know (recognize, acknowledge) us is that it does not know (recognize, acknowledge) HIM.

**1 John 3: 24 (AMPC)**

All who keep HIS Commandments [*who obey* HIS Orders *and follow* HIS Plan*, live and continue* To Live, To Stay and] Abide in HIM, and HE in them. [*They let* CHRIST *be* a Home *to them and they are* the Home *of* CHRIST*.*] And by this we know *and* understand *and* have the proof that HE [*really*] Lives *and* Makes HIS Home in us: by the [Holy] SPIRIT Whom HE has given us.

**~ The Fear & Reverence of GOD is Not Only to Obey HIS Word, but to Follow GOD’s Plan.**

**~ Abiding in GOD’s Love is Abiding in CHRIST, Let HIM Make HIS Home Within our Spirit.**

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

**Matthew 16: 24 (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*].

**By Not Able to Handover our Life Fully to the LORD, then HE is Not the Savior of our Soul.**

**Matthew 16: 25 – 27 (AMP)**

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.

**~ Acquainted is Insufficient in Knowing the LORD, Experience HIS Love & Conforming Power.**

**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.

**~ Press On to Receive from HIM, to Exchange our Inward Self for HIS *Likeness Inwardly* in us.**

**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.

**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.

**The Matured Attitude & Mind is to Not Dwell on Past Gain & Achievements, Even Bad Past.**

**~ Willingness to Count All Past as Yielded, *Exchange to Gain* CHRIST *Likeness*.**

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

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**1 John 1: 7 – 10 (AMPC)**