**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 26 May 2019**

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**Theme : GOD’s Eternal Kingdom & HIS Church (7)**

**Ephesians 1: 22 – 23 (NLT)** GOD has put All Things under the Authority of CHRIST and has made HIM HEAD over All things for the benefit of the CHURCH. And the CHURCH is HIS BODY; it is made Full and Complete by CHRIST,

Who fills All things everywhere with HIMSELF.

**The CHURCH is Not An Institution, IT Functions as A Spiritual BODY under CHRIST the HEAD.**

**1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 14**

For as the Body is one and has many members, but all the members of that One Body, being many,

are One Body, so also is CHRIST. For by ONE SPIRIT we were *All Baptized* into One BODY –

whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and have all been made to drink into ONE SPIRIT.

For in fact the BODY is not one member but many.

**Mind of CHRIST in BODY Members, JESUS in HIS Divine Form - Willing to Humble Be Human.**

~ **After JESUS Emptied HIMSELF of HIS Divinity, HE Learnt Obedience when in Human Form.**

~ **JESUS as A Human SON Learnt Obedience under the Spiritual Authority of HIS FATHER.**

**Through the Word in Proverbs 3: 5 – 7, we Learn Obedience thru Not to Use Own Reasoning.**

~ **Human Reasoning > Trust & Lean on Own Understanding > Wise in Own Eyes > Own Desire.**

**DisObedience is the Stronghold of MIND Reasoning of SELF > *Pattern must Be Demolished*.**

**~ 2 Corinthians 10: 2 – 6**

**~ Reasoning Thoughts be ‘Strongholds’ in Mind > Captives > Set Free in Obedience to Truth.**

**Work Out our Salvation, with Godly Fear to *Obey Always* as GOD Enable our Will & to *DO IT*.**

**– Reference Philippians 3: 12 – 16.**

**~ Serve the LORD, the SON, with Awesome Fear in Submission, Rejoice in HIS Presence.**

**Submission to GOD’s Authority, with Humility to Obey, As Under Authority, Power to Resist.**

**~ James 4: 7 – 8**

Therefore ***Submit*** to GOD. Resist *the devil and he will flee from you*.

Draw near to GOD and HE will draw near to you.

***Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and Purify your hearts, you double-minded***.

**A Church is A Dwelling Place of GOD, All Household Members Fitted as ONE by the SPIRIT.**

**Ephesians 2: 18 – 22**

For through HIM we both have Access by One SPIRIT to the FATHER. Now, therefore, you are

no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the Saints and Members of the Household

of GOD, having been Built on the Foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, JESUS CHRIST HIMSelf

being the Chief Cornerstone, in Whom the whole Building, being *Fitted Together*, Grows into a

Holy Temple in the LORD, in Whom you also are being *Built Together* for A Dwelling Place of GOD

in the SPIRIT.

~ For we are GOD's fellow workers; you are GOD's field, you are GOD's Building **- 1 Corinthians 3: 9.**

**Hebrews 3: 1 – 4, 6**

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the Heavenly Calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, CHRISTJESUS, Who was faithful to HIM Who appointed HIM, as Moses also *was Faithful*

in all HIS House. For this ONE has been counted ***Worthy of more Glory*** than Moses, inasmuch as

HE Who built the House has ***more Honor than the House***. For every house is built by someone, but

HE Who Built All things is GOD.

But CHRIST as a SON over ***HIS Own House***, Whose House we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the Hope firm to the End.

**All Reborn Members are Baptised by the SPIRIT into CHRIST’s Body, as CHRIST is the HEAD.**

**Ephesians 4: 3 – 6 (NLT)**

Make every effort to keep yourselves United in the SPIRIT, Binding yourselves Together with Peace.

For there is **One Body** and **One SPIRIT**, just as you have been Called to One Glorious Hope for the future. There is **One LORD**, **One Faith,** ***One Baptism***, **One GOD** and **FATHER** of All, Who is over All,

in All, and Living through All.

**1 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17**

Do you not know that you are the Temple of GOD and *that* the SPIRIT of GOD dwells in you ?

If anyone defiles the Temple of GOD, GOD will destroy him.

For the Temple of GOD is Holy, which Temple you are.

**Within CHRIST’s Body, Members are HOLY to GOD, are Not to Associate with Any Defiled One.**

**1 Corinthians 5: 9 – 12 (NLT)**

When I wrote to you before, I told you *not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin*.

But I wasn’t talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You *would have to leave this world* to avoid people like that. I meant that *you are*

*not* *to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer* yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don’t even eat with such people.

It isn’t my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it *certainly is your* ***Responsibility to Judge those***

***Inside the Church who are sinning.***

**JESUS’ Prayer to the FATHER, that HIS Apostles & HIS Disciples to Be are ‘Not of the World’.**

**John 17: 15 – 17**

“I do not pray that YOU should take them out of the world, but that YOU should Keep them from the

evil one. **They are *not of the* *world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them* by YOUR Truth**.  **YOUR Word is Truth.”**

**Unequally Yoked in Fellowship & Relationship is Spiritual Communion of Light with Darkness - 2 Corinthians 6: 14**

***Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers.*** For what fellowship has righteousness with

lawlessness ? And what communion has Light with darkness ?

**~ 2 Corinthians 6: 14 (AMPC)**

***Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers*** [do not make***Mismated Alliances***with them or

come *under a different yoke with them****, Inconsistent with your Faith***]. For what partnership have Right Living and Right Standing with GOD with *Iniquity and lawlessness* ?

Or how can Light have fellowship with darkness ?

**As A Church, A Body of Believers, we are to Be HIS Righteous Instruments, GOD’s Heirs.**

**1 Corinthians 6: 9 – 11**

Do you not know that the unrighteous will ***Not Inherit*** the Kingdom of GOD ? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves,

nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the Kingdom of GOD.

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified

in the Name of the LORD JESUS and by the SPIRIT of our GOD.

**If Believers Sow to their Carnal Flesh Nature, will Reap Destruction & Corruption of Carnality.**

**Galatians 5: 18 – 21**

But if you are Led by the SPIRIT, you are not under the law. Now *the works of the flesh* are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that *those who practice* *such things* will not inherit the Kingdom of GOD.

~ **To Live in the Higher Law of The SPIRIT, To Be Sowing to the SPIRIT and Led by the SPIRIT.**

**Our Faith Empowers us to Choose to Be Dead to Sinful Nature, ALIVE to HIS Righteousness.**

**Romans 6: 13 – 14**

And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves

to GOD as being Alive from the dead, and your members as Instruments of Righteousness to GOD. For sin shall *Not have Dominion* over you, for you are not under law but under Grace.

**Believers must be Reborn Spiritually, and Baptised by the SPIRIT to Enter the KINGDOM.**

**John 3: 3, 5 – 6 (AMP)**

JESUS answered him, "I assure you *and* most solemnly say to you, unless a person is Born again

[*Reborn from above - spiritually transformed, renewed, sanctified*], he cannot [*ever*] See *and* Experience the Kingdom of GOD."

JESUS answered, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, unless one is born of water and the SPIRIT he cannot [*ever*] enter the Kingdom of GOD.  That which is born of the flesh is flesh

[*the physical is merely physical*], and that which is Born of the SPIRIT is spirit.

**To Enter the KINGDOM, is to Receive the REST from the SPIRIT of HIS PEACE & HIS JOY.**

**Not Entering this REST is thru Disobedience Caused by Unbelief – Ref Hebrews 4: 9 – 11.**

**Romans 14: 17 – 18 (AMPC)**

[*After all*] the Kingdom of GOD is not a matter of [*getting the*] food and drink [*one likes*], but instead

It is Righteousness (that state which makes a person Acceptable to GOD) and [*heart*] Peace and Joy

in the HOLY SPIRIT. He *who Serves* CHRIST in this Way is Acceptable and Pleasing to GOD and

is approved by men.

**JESUS’ Parables on the KINGDOM we studied, So To Enter In & Not Look Back to the World.**

**Luke 9: 62**

But JESUS said to him, "No one, having put his hand to the plow, *and Looking Back*, is Fit for the Kingdom of GOD."

**JESUS’ Vehicle of HIS Kingdom is the CHURCH, So to Build IT for Advancing HIS Kingdom.**

**Matthew 16: 18 – 19 (NLT)**

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘rock’), and upon this Rock I will Build MY Church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer It. And I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in Heaven, and Whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in Heaven.”

**JESUS Returns for HIS Church, as HIS Bride, HE Be Joint as ONE with Glorious Holy Church.**

**Ephesians 5: 25b – 27, 32 (AMP)**

Just as CHRIST also loved the Church and Gave HIMSelf Up for her, so that HE might Sanctify

the Church, having cleansed her by the Washing of water with the Word [of GOD], so that [*in turn*]

HE might present the Church to HIMSelf in Glorious Splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be Holy [*Set Apart for* GOD] and blameless.

This Mystery [*of two becoming One*] is Great; but I am speaking with reference to [*the Relationship of*] CHRIST and the Church.

**JESUS with All Authority, HE Commission HIS Church for Work to Advance HIS Kingdom.**

**Matthew 28: 18 – 20**

And JESUS came and spoke to them, saying, "All Authority has been Given to ME in Heaven and on earth. Go therefore and Make disciples of all the nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the FATHER and of the SON and of the HOLY SPIRIT, Teaching them to Observe All Things that I have Commanded you; and lo, I am with you Always even to the End of the age."  Amen.

**JESUS is the Chief CORNERSTONE of GOD’s Spiritual House, Offering Worship to GOD.**

**1 Peter 2: 5 – 7 (AMPC)**

Come to HIM [*then, to that*] Living Stone which men tried and threw away, but which is Chosen [*and*] Precious in GOD's Sight. [*Come*] and, like living stones, be yourselves Built [*into*] a Spiritual House, for

A Holy (dedicated, consecrated) Priesthood, to offer up [*those*] spiritual sacrifices [*that are*] acceptable and pleasing to GOD through JESUS CHRIST. For thus it stands in Scripture:

Behold, I am laying in Zion a Chosen (honored), Precious Chief Cornerstone, and he who believes in HIM [*who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on* HIM] shall never be disappointed or put to shame.

To you then who believe (who adhere to, trust in, and rely on HIM) is the Preciousness; but for those

who disbelieve [*it is true*], The [*very*] Stone which the builders rejected has become The Main Cornerstone, and, A Stone that will cause stumbling and a Rock that will give [*men*] offense;

they stumble because they disobey and disbelieve [GOD'*s*] Word, as those [*who reject* HIM] were destined (appointed) to do.

**JESUS Proclaimed Rejection of HIS 1st Coming, to Gather GOD’s Children, Missed HIS Visit.**

**Matthew 23: 37 – 39**

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her !

How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under *her* wings, but you were not willing ! See ! Your house is *left to you Desolate*; for I say to you, you shall see ME

no more till you say, 'BLESSED is HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!' "

**Luke 19: 41 – 44**

Now as HE drew near, HE saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace ! But now they are hidden from your eyes.

For days will come upon you when your enemies will *build an embankment* around you, *surround you* and close you in on every side, and *level you, and your children within you*, to the ground; and

they will *not leave in you one stone upon another*, because you did not know the time of your Visitation." **~ Desolation thru the Romans then upon Jerusalem & the Temple, Surrounded & All Levelled.**

**JESUS’ Cleansing of Jerusalem’s Temple - Symbolic of GOD’s Temple to be HOLY Sanctuary.**

**John 2: 14 – 21**

And HE found in the temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money changers doing business. When HE had made a whip of cords, HE drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and the oxen, and poured out the changers' money and overturned the tables.

And HE said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away ! Do not make MY FATHER's House a house of merchandise! " Then HIS disciples remembered that it was written, "ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE HAS EATEN ME UP."

So the Jews answered and said to HIM, "What sign do YOU show to us, since YOU do these things?" JESUS answered and said to them, "Destroy this Temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Then the Jews said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this Temple, and will YOU raise It Up in

Three Days? " But HE was speaking of the Temple of HIS Body.

**~ JESUS’ Declaration the Jews Defiled GOD’s Temple as Sanctuary & HIS BODY Be TEMPLE.**

**JESUS’ Disciples Saw only thru Natural, that Temple & House are Built as Building of stones.**

**Mark 13: 1 – 2**

Then as HE went out of the Temple, one of HIS disciples said to HIM, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings *are here!*" And JESUS answered and said to him, "Do you see these

great buildings ? *Not one stone shall be left upon another*, that shall not be thrown down."

**Abomination Revealed to Daniel was the Romans Destroying the Temple & Emperor – Worship.**

**Matthew 24: 15 – 21**

“Therefore when you see the 'ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house.

And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. But woe to those who are pregnant and

to those who are nursing babies in those days ! And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.”

**~ Prophetic Warning to Christians of Great Tribulation of Jerusalem, To Flee the Destruction.**

**Amazingly the LORD Gave Christians Grace Period of One, One, One and a Half Years to Flee.**

**Luke 21: 20 – 24**

"But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its Desolation is near.

Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

**We are A Church, A Spiritual House, HIS Spiritual BODY, Owned & Specially Favored People.**

**1 Peter 2: 9 – 10 (AMPC)**

But you are a Chosen race, a Royal Priesthood, a Dedicated Nation, [GOD’s] Own purchased,

special people, that you may set forth the Wonderful Deeds and Display the Virtues and Perfections of HIM Who called you out of darkness into HIS Marvelous LIGHT. Once you were not a people [*at all*], but Now you are GOD's People; once you were unpitied, but now you are pitied and have received Mercy.

**A CHURCH of Chosen People, A HOLY NATION.**

**~ Royal Priesthood, A HOLY Possession of GOD.**

**~ Displaying the Wonderful Virtuous Nature of HIS LIGHT.**

**~ Proclaiming we are the Called Out ONES from Darkness.**

**~ We are in HIS KINGDOM of Marvellous LIGHT.**

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