**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 27 January 2019**

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**Theme : ARise – Achieve the Heavenly Prize**

**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.***

**2 Corinthian 4: 16 – 17 (AMPC)**

Therefore we do not become discouraged (utterly *spiritless, exhausted*, and *Wearied Out through* *Fear*). Though our *outer man* is [*progressively*] decaying and wasting away, yet our ***Inner Self*** is being ***[Progressively*]** ***Renewed*** day after day.

For our light, *momentary* affliction (this slight distress of *the passing hour*) is ever more and more abundantly preparing and producing and achieving for us an ***Everlasting Weight of Glory*** [*beyond all measure, Excessively Surpassing all comparisons and all calculations, a vast and* ***Transcendent Glory*** *and Blessedness never to cease !*].

**~ Earthly Time thru Affliction Develops within our Spirit, *Spiritual Treasure* of Eternal GLORY.**

**Our Spiritual Focus in MIND to Be on Heavenly Things of GOD, will be Spiritual & Everlasting.**

**~ 2 Corinthians 4: 18 (AMPC)**

Since we consider and *Look Not* to the things that are seen but to the *Things that are Unseen*;

for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting), but the Things that are Invisible

are Deathless and Everlasting.

**~ Living Not for the NOW earthly things, but *Focus to Live* on What be the Heavenly Things.**

**Colossians 3: 1 – 4**

If then you were Raised with CHRIST, seek those Things which are Above, where CHRIST is,

Sitting at the Right Hand of GOD. ***Set your*** ***mind*** on ***Things Above***, not on things on the earth.

For you died, and *your life is hidden with* CHRIST in GOD. When CHRIST Who *is* our life *appears*,

then you also *will appear* with HIM in GLORY.

**Start Year 2019 *Determined Doing What is Right Progressively* towards the Heavenly Calling.**

**Philippians 3: 10 – 11 (AMPC)**

[*For my determined purpose is*] that I may know HIM [*that I may progressively become more*

*Deeply and Intimately acquainted* with HIM*, perceiving and recognizing and understanding*

the Wonders of HIS Person *more strongly and more clearly*], and that I may in that same way

come to know the ***Power Outflowing*** from HIS Resurrection [*which it exerts over believers*], and

that I may so share HIS Sufferings as to ***be continually transformed*** [*in spirit* into ***HIS Likeness*** *even*] to HIS Death, [*in* the Hope] that if possible I may attain to the [*spiritual and moral*]

Resurrection [*that Lifts me*] Out from among the dead [*even while in the body*].

**~ Knowing the LORD Deeply, Relating with HIM Intimately, Understanding HIS Divine Nature.**

**~ Experiencing HIS Love, HIS Resurrection Power Working In & Thru us, Overflowing Power.**

**~ Our light Momentary Affliction in this Life, Achieving Eternal Weight of Glory to Transform**

**Our Inner Self into HIS Likeness, Spiritually & Morally.**

**Be Determined to Attain is to Achieve the Final Perfection for Receiving the Heavenly Prize.**

**Philippians 3: 11 – 14 (AMPC)**

Not that I have now attained [*this Ideal*], or have already been made perfect, but I ***Press On***

to lay hold of (grasp) and make my own, that for which CHRIST JESUS(the Messiah) has laid hold

of me and made me HIS Own.

I do not consider, brethren, that I have captured and made it my own [*yet*]; but one thing I do

[*it is my one aspiration*]: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

I ***Press On*** toward the Goal to win the [*Supreme and Heavenly*] Prize to which GOD in CHRIST JESUS is Calling us Upward.

**To Maintain Attitude of Not Reached Perfection Stage & Final Goal Destination - *PRESS ON.***

**Philippians 3: 12 – 14 (NLT)**

I don’t mean to say that I *have already achieved these things* or that I have already Reached Perfection. But I ***Press On*** to possess that Perfection for which CHRIST JESUS first Possessed me.

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.

**~ PRESS ON > FOCUS ON > World & Past, All Behind > Looking Forward the Heavenly Prize.**

**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."

**~ The Cost of the CROSS of JESUS Paid for Our Calling is for Determined Single Focus.**

**~ The World Behind – JESUS Warn us Not to Use Earthly Reasons to Excuse to Turn Back.**

**~ Reference - Luke 9: 57 - 61 ; Matthew 8: 19 – 21.**

**~** Demas has forsaken me**, having loved ‘*This Present World’*,** and has departed for Thessalonica.

**- 2 Timothy 4: 10a.**

**Philippians 3: 15 – 16 (AMPC)**

So let those [*of us*] who are ***spiritually mature*and*full-grown*** have ***this mind*** and

hold these convictions; and if in any respect you have a ***different attitude of mind***,

GOD will make that clear to you also. Only let us ***Hold True*** *to what we have already attained*and

***walk*and*order our lives by that***.

**~ A Church is Given Vision & Purpose to Follow & Walk Together – NOT *Individual Culture*.**

**~** **Philippians 3: 15 – 16 (NLT)**

Let all who are ***spiritually mature agree*** on these things. If you disagree on some point,

I believe GOD will make it plain to you.

But we must ***Hold On to the Progress*** we have already made.