**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 28 January 2018**

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**Theme : To Freely Receive, To Freely Give – To ENGAGE & BEAR FRUITS**

**Last 2 Sermons by Elders to Know How to Engage to Impact our Communities as A *LAMPSTAND*.**

# “Freely you have Received, Freely Give” - JESUS told HIS Disciples, *Spiritually* - Matthew 10: 8b.

# GOD’s People in HIS Church are Known for their Faith in CHRIST JESUS and Love for People.

# ~ Colossians 1: 2 – 5a (NLT)

 We are writing to GOD’s holy people in the city of Colossae, who are faithful brothers and sisters

 in CHRIST. May GOD our FATHER give you Grace and Peace.

 We always pray for you, and we give thanks to GOD, the FATHER of our LORD JESUS CHRIST.

 For we have heard of your **Faith in CHRIST JESUS** and your **Love for all of GOD’s people**,

 which come from your **Confident Hope** of What GOD has reserved for you in Heaven.

Our Good Works bring Glory to GOD though our Faith in CHRIST JESUS and Love for *All People.* Matthew 5: 46 – 47 (NLT)

“If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that ? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much. If you are kind only to your friends, how are you different from anyone else? Even pagans do that.”

**Our Good Works are to Impact our Communities, which Require us to ENGAGE with**

**the People (Unbelievers), so that the Love, Hope, Faith, Peace and Joy of CHRIST JESUS**

**will *Flow Out* from us who are *Being Filled Full* of the Truth and of the SPIRIT, to the Lost.**

Aflame Community Church – MISSION STATEMENT :

A Church AFLAME with GOD’s HEART in WORSHIP & PRAYER,

by LIVING PASSIONATELY according to HIS WORD and HIS PURPOSE,

so as to IMPACT our COMMUNITIES with LOVE, HOPE, FAITH, PEACE & JOY.

**We Engage by GOING TO people, RELATING with them, INITIATING Conversations that focus**

**on them, Linking them to JESUS in their *Life Issues* - Spiritually Sowing Seeds of Truth in Love.**

**1 Timothy 1: 5 (NKJ), 6 (NLT)**

Now the purpose of the Commandment is Love from a pure heart, from a good conscience,

and from sincere Faith.

But some people have missed this whole point. They have turned away from these things and

*spend their time in meaningless discussions*.

**Freely we Receive from the SPIRIT, Freely we *Give Out* - Truth in Love is *Sown into* their hearts.**

Same Truth Seed we Received, is *Being Sown All* over the World, to Bear Fruit of Changing Lives.

# Colossians 1: 6 (NLT)

You have had this expectation ever since you first heard the Truth of the Good News.

This same Good News that came to you *is going out all over the world*.

It is **Bearing Fruit everywhere by changing lives**, just as it changed your lives from the day

you first heard and understood the Truth about GOD’s Wonderful Grace.

# Churches Living in GOD’s Will, Fully Pleasing the LORD, Living Worthy of the LORD

# > Power of GOD’s Glory to bring Fruitfulness into the Communities we are Impacting.

# Colossians 1: 9 – 11

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask

that you *may be filled with* the knowledge of HIS Will in all *Wisdom* and spiritual *Understanding*;

that you may *walk Worthy* of the LORD, *fully Pleasing*HIM, **being *Fruitful* in every Good Work** and increasing in the Knowledge of GOD; Strengthened with all might, according to HIS Glorious Power,

for all patience and *Longsuffering* with *Joy.*

Impacting our Communities by Power of Change to Hearts and Lives, Sowing the Truth in Love.

- Holding out [to It] and *Offering* [to all men] the Word of Life - Philippians 2: 16a

Sowing is Diffusing A Fragrance, AN Aroma, A Sweet *Scent* or A Stinking *Odor* – *Spiritual Impact*.

2 Corinthians 2: 14

Now thanks be to GOD who always leads us in Triumph in CHRIST, and through us *Diffuses* the

Fragrance of HIS Knowledge in every place.

2 Corinthians 2: 14b (NLT), 16 (AMPC)

Now HE uses us to spread the Knowledge of CHRIST everywhere, like a sweet Perfume.

To the latter it is an Aroma [wafted] from death to death – a fatal Odor, the smell of doom;

to the former it is an Aroma from Life to Life – a vital Fragrance, living and fresh.

And who is qualified (fit and sufficient) for these things ? - Who is able for such a ministry ? [ We ?]

Living Truth in us is A *Spiritual Impartation* to the Lost, *Not Legalistic* or *Cheap Sales* Promotion.

**2 Corinthians 2: 14 – 17 (MSG)**

And I got it, thank GOD ! In the Messiah, in CHRIST, GOD leads us from place to place in one perpetual Victory Parade. Through us, HE brings Knowledge of CHRIST. Everywhere we Go, people *breathe in* the exquisite Fragrance. Because of CHRIST, we give off a *Sweet Scent* rising to GOD, which is recognized by those on the Way of Salvation - an Aroma redolent *with Life*. But those on the way to destruction

treat us more like *the stench from a rotting corpse.* This is a terrific Responsibility.

Is anyone *Competent* to take it on ? No - but at least we don't take GOD's Word, *water it down*, and then take it to the streets *to sell IT cheap*. We stand in CHRIST's Presence when we speak;

GOD looks us in the face. We get what we Say *straight from* GOD and Say it *as honestly as we can*.

Lost in Communities will read *Alive Believers* IN CHRIST as A Letter *written by* the Alive SPIRIT.

**2 Corinthians 3: 3 – 4** **(NLT)**

Clearly, you are a *Letter* from CHRIST showing the result of our ministry among you.

This “*Letter*” is written not with pen and ink, but with the SPIRIT of the Living GOD.

It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts. We are *confident of all* this because of our

Great Trust in GOD through CHRIST.

**Are we Qualified by Self Righteousness ? Our Own Competency & Ability ?**

**2 Corinthians 3: 5 – 6** **(NLT)**

It is not that we think we *are qualified to do anything on our* *own*. Our Qualification comes from GOD.

HE *has enabled us to be ministers* of HIS New Covenant. This is a Covenant *not of written laws*, but of the SPIRIT. The old written covenant ends in death; but under the New Covenant, the SPIRIT gives Life.

**We under the New Covenant, under the New Way, are we *Qualified* by the Glorious SPIRIT ?**

**2 Corinthians 3: 7 – 9** **(NLT)**

The *old way*, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses’ face. For *his face shone* with the Glory of GOD, even though the *Brightness was already fading away*.

Shouldn’t we expect far greater Glory under the New Way, now that the HOLY SPIRIT is giving Life?

If the *old way*, which brings condemnation, was glorious, *how much more* Glorious is the New Way,

which makes us Right with GOD !

**As People are with Offenses - stirred up with anxiety, frustration & agitation to Complain & Argue.**

**~ We in CHRIST, *Sanctified* by the Truth to Respond as *Alive Letters*, written by the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**Philippians 2: 14 – 16 (NLT)**

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you.

Live clean, innocent lives as children of GOD, shining like Bright Lights in a world full of crooked

and perverse people. *Hold firmly* to the Word of Life; then on the Day of CHRIST’s Return,

I will be proud that I did not run the race in vain and that my work was not useless.

**The New WAY thru JESUS is Glorious – As HE Asked the FATHER for All HIS Disciples be Sanctified, Be Renewed, Be Filled, to Receive HIS Joy – to Go into the World to tell the Truth.**

**John 17: 13 – 20 (NLT)**

“Now I am coming to you. I *told them many things* while I was with them in this world so

they *would be filled with* MY Joy.I have given them YOUR Word. And the world hates them because

*they do not belong to the world*, just as I *do not belong to the world*.

I’m not asking you to take them out of the world, but to *keep them safe* from the evil one.

They do not belong to this world any more than I do.Make *them holy by* YOUR Truth;

teach them YOUR Word, which is Truth. Just as you sent me into the world, I *am sending them*

*into the world*. And I give MYSELF as a Holy SACRIFICE for them so *they can be made holy*

by YOUR Truth.”

“I am praying not only for these disciples but *also for all who will ever believe in me through their* message.”

**Engaging Many & Diverse Communities - By ‘Sharing’ our New Life in CHRIST, we been Renewed.**

1 Corinthians 9: 19 – 23 (The Message)

“Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily

become *A Servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people*: religious, non-religious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defected, the demoralized – *whoever.*

I didn’t take on their way of life, I kept my bearings in CHRIST – but *entered their world* and

tried to experience things *from their points of view.*

I’ve become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I met to

a GOD-saved Life. I did all this because of the Message.

I didn’t just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it !”

**Engage by Seizing Opportunity - The LORD of the Harvest *Always Creating Opportunities* to Sow.**

John 4: 35 – 37

“Do not say, “There are still four months and then comes the harvest” ?

Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest !

And he who reaps receives the wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, and both he who sows and

he who reaps may rejoice together.

For in this the saying is true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ “

**We who are Qualified by Faith, and by the SPIRIT, are to Rely on GOD’s Grace, *Not on Self*.**

**2 Corinthians 12: 5 – 8 (NLT)**

That experience is worth boasting about, but I’m not going to do it.

I will boast only about my weaknesses. If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because

I would be telling the Truth. But I won’t do it, because I don’t want anyone to give me credit beyond

what they can see in my life or hear in my message, even though I have received such wonderful Revelations from GOD. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given A Thorn in my flesh,

a messenger from Satan *to torment me and keep me from becoming proud*.

Three different times I begged the LORD to take it away.

**Apostle Paul did Not Escape from the LORD Allowing Human *weaknesses in his own body*.**

**2 Corinthians 12: 7 – 10**

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations,

A Thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the LORD three times that it might depart from me.

And HE said to me, **"MY Grace is sufficient for you, for MY Strength is *made perfect in weakness*."**

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that **the Power of CHRIST** may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for CHRIST's Sake. **For when I am weak, then I am strong.**

**As for Paul in NT was a Righteous minister, but Job in OT was the Most Righteousness man**

**- Yet the LORD GOD allowed Affliction of Weaknesses in his body, not due to any sin.**

**2 Corinthians 13: 5 – 6 (NLT)**

Examine yourselves to see *if your faith is genuine*. Test yourselves.

Surely you know that JESUS CHRIST is among you; *if not*, you have failed the Test of genuine Faith.

As *you test yourselves*, I hope you will recognize that *we have not failed the test of* Apostolic authority.

**1 Corinthians 11: 30**

**For this reason *many are weak* and sick among you, and many sleep.**

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**Reference 1 Corinthians 11: 26 – 29, 24 - 25**