**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 29 July 2018**

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**Theme : GOD’s Promises Thru CHRIST (2)**

**Spiritually our Attitude that CHRIST is Formed in us, as our Whole Being is Bought by CHRIST.**

**1 Corinthians 6: 17 – 20**

But he who is joined to the LORD is One Spirit with HIM. Flee sexual immorality.

Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.Or do you not know that your body is the Temple of the HOLY SPIRIT Who is in you,

Whom you have from GOD, and *you are not your own* ? For you were bought at a price; therefore Glorify GOD *in your Body and in your Spirit*, which are GOD’s.

**We cannot fool GOD Who knows All, how we are Sowing in our Lives, to please Self or SPIRIT.**

**~ Galatians 6: 8 (NLT)**

Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will *harvest decay and death* from that sinful

nature. But *those who live to please the SPIRIT* will harvest Everlasting Life from the SPIRIT.

**~ 2 Corinthians 13: 5**

Examine yourselves as to whether you *are in the Faith*. Test yourselves. Do you*not know yourselves*,

that JESUS CHRIST *is in you* ? - unless indeed *you are disqualified*.

**Reference –Hebrews 12: 1 – 3 (NLT)**

**Life of Faith > Each one’s *Race Set by* GOD > Endurance >Life Pattern from Beginning till End.**

**~ Strip Off Every Weight, which Spiritually Expose our Eyes, our Hearts, our Humility to Sin.**

**~ Not to Carry Burdens emotionally *Wearing Out* our Souls – Anxiety, Worries, Earthly Desires.**

**World is in Urgency of the Hour for Winning Souls, thru CHRIST’s Salvation, Purpose of CHRIST.**

**~ Reference Isaiah 53: 3 – 7.**

**~ And HE bore the sins of Many and made Intercession for the Transgressors – Isaiah 53: 12b.**

**We are Saved & Called by the LORD, *Not only for Own* Salvation but the Salvation of AsMany. Isaiah 54: 1 – 3 (NKJ), 1 – 4 (NLT)**

"Sing, O barren, you who have not borne ! Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who have not labored with child ! For *moreare* ***the children of the desolate*** than the children *of the married woman*," says the LORD."Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the *curtains of your dwellings*; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, and *strengthen your stakes*.For you shall *expand to the right and*

*to the left*, and *your descendants will inherit the nations*,and ***make the desolate cities inhabited.***“Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth !Break into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem, you who have never been in labor. For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband,” says the LORD. “*Enlarge* your house; *Build anAddition*. Spread out your home, and spare no expense!For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your *descendants will occupy*

*other nations and resettle the ruined cities*.Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is No More Disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood.”

**Isaiah 54: 5 – 6**

**For your Maker *is* your Husband, The LORD of Hosts is HIS Name; and your Redeemer is the Holy ONE of Israel; HE is called the GOD of the whole earth. For the LORD *has called you***

***like a woman forsaken* and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife *when you wererefused*,"**

**says your GOD.**

**The LORD has Called us to be as A Husband, Given by the Promise of the FATHER’s Love.**

**2 Peter 3: 8 – 9 (AMP)**

Nevertheless, do not let this one fact escape your notice, beloved, that with the LORD One Day is like

a thousand years, and a thousand years is like One Day.The LORD does not delay [as though HE were unable to act] and is not slow about HIS Promise, as some count slowness, but is [*extraordinarily*] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for *All to come to Repentance*.

**2 Peter 3: 10 – 13 (NLT)**

But the Day of the LORD will come as *Unexpectedly as a thief*. Then the heavens will pass away with a terrible noise, and the very elements themselves will disappear in fire, and the earth and everything on it will be found to deserve judgment.

Since everything around us is going to be destroyed like this, what *Holy and Godly lives you should live*, looking forward to the Day of GOD and *Hurrying it along*. On that day, HE will set the heavens on fire, and the elements will melt away in the flames. But we are *Looking Forward* to the New Heavens and

New Earth HE has promised, a World filled with GOD’s Righteousness.

**Looking unto JESUS is to Focus on GOD with *Heavenly Desires*, *not Seduced* by Earthy Cravings.**

**2 Peter 3: 14 – 16**

Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by HIM in Peace,

*without spot and blameless*; and consider that the *Longsuffering of our* LORD is Salvation - as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the Wisdom given to him, has written to you,as also in all his Epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are *some things hard to understand*, which *untaught* and *unstable*people *twist to their own destruction*, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.

**From our Own Hearts, we must be Able to Confess our Faith, Enabling us to Witness to others. Romans 10: 9 – 10 (NLT)**

If you openly declare that JESUS is LORD and believe in your heart that GOD raised him fromthe dead, you will be saved.For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with GOD, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

**Our Foundation in CHRIST, Chief Cornerstone, UnShakable to Build Faith - Righteous Plumb Line.**

**Isaiah 28: 16– 17 (NLT)**

Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “Look! I am placing a Foundation Stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested Stone. It is a precious Cornerstone that is *safe to build on*. Whoever *believes need never be shaken*.I will test you with the Measuring Line of Justice and the Plumb Line of Righteousness. Since your refuge is made of lies, a hailstorm will knock it down. Since it is made of Deception, *a flood will sweep it away*.

**~ JESUS –“How will you Build your House, on Rock or Sand ?” – Matthew 7: 24 – 27.**

**We have Received the Word ‘Seed of Truth’, Do We Sow the Seed, after Cultivating the Soil ?**

**Isaiah 28: 23 – 26(NLT)**

Listen to me; listen, and pay close attention.Does a farmer always plow and never sow ?

Is he forever cultivating the soil and never planting ?Does he not finally plant his seed - black cumin, cumin, wheat, barley, and emmer wheat - each in its proper way, and each in its proper place ?

The farmer knows just what to do, for GOD has given him understanding.

**How will you Build your Lives &Families ?Wisdom & Counsel to Withstand All Crisis &Storm.**

**Isaiah 28: 29**

This also comes from the LORD of hosts, Who is Wonderful in counsel and Excellent in guidance.

**Isaiah 55: 8 – 11**

"For MY Thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways MY Ways," says the LORD.

"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are MY Ways higher than your ways, and

MY Thoughts than your thoughts."For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and

do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,So shall MY Word be that goes forth from MY Mouth; It shall not return

to ME *Void*, but It shall accomplish What I Please, and It shall Prosper *in the thing* for which I sent It.”

**The Seed Sown within us, are ‘Faith’ Seed, isour Belief in Heart to be Confessed Out, to Be Sown.**

**Romans 10: 11, 13 – 17 (NLT)**

As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in HIM will never be disgraced.”

For “Everyone who calls on the Name of the LORD will be saved.”

But *how can they call on* HIM to save them unless they believe in HIM ?

And how canthey believe in HIM *if they have never heard about*HIM ?

And how can they hear about HIM unless someone tells them ?

And how will anyone *Go and Tell* them without being sent ?

That is why the Scriptures say, “How *beautiful are the feet* of Messengers who bring Good News! ”

But *not everyone* welcomes the Good News, for Isaiah the prophet said,

“LORD, who has believed our message?”

**So *faith comes from hearing*, that is, hearing the Good News about CHRIST.**

**Last Days, Dangerous Times - People are Drawn to Self &Evil, Haters of Good, Inhumane, Brutal.**

**2 Timothy 3: 1 – 5 (AMP)**

But understand this, that *in the last days* dangerous times [*of great stress and trouble*] will come

[*difficult days that will be hard to bear*]. For people will be *lovers of Self* [*narcissistic, self-focused*],

lovers of money [*impelled by greed*], boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane,[*and they will be*] unloving [*devoid of natural human affection, calloused and Inhumane*], irreconcilable, malicious gossips, devoid of self-control [*intemperate, immoral*], Brutal,

Haters of good, traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of [*Sensual*] pleasure rather than lovers of GOD,holding to ***a Form of*** [*Outward*] *Godliness* (Religion), although they have ***denied its power*** [*for*

*their conduct nullifies their claim of faith*]. Avoid *such people*and*keep far away from them*.

**Walking Close to the LORD as the Centre of our Lives, Wisely in HIS Will, now in *Redeeming Time*.**

**Ephesians 5: 15 – 17**

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise,*Redeeming the Time*, because the

***Days are Evil*.**Therefore do not be unwise, but *Understand what* the Will of the LORD is.

**The LORD’s Promise is A Call of Salvation to Enter into HIS Presence to be *at Rest with* HIM.~ Acts 2: 32 – 33 (NLT)**

GOD raised JESUS from the dead, and we are all witnesses of this.Now HE is exalted tothe

Place of Highest Honor in Heaven, at GOD’s Right Hand. And the FATHER, as **HE had*Promised***,

*gave* HIM the HOLY SPIRIT*to pour out upon us*, just as you see and hear today.

**~ Acts 2: 38 – 39**

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the Name ofJESUS

CHRIST*for the remission of sins*; and you shall receive the Gift of the HOLY SPIRIT.For the Promise

is to you and to your children, and to All *who are Afar Off*, as Many as the LORD our GOD*Will Call*."

**FATHER GOD’s Promise is for All by their Belief, to Enter into HIS Spiritual Rest, thru CHRIST. Hebrews 4: 1 – 2(NLT), 2 (NKJ)**

**GOD’s Promise of entering HIS Rest** still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of *you might fail to experience it*. For this Good News - that GOD has prepared this Rest - has been announced to us just as it was to them. But **It did them no good** because they *didn’t share the faith* of those who listened to GOD.

For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the Word *which they heard* ***did not profit them, not being mixed with faith*** *in those who* heard It.

**Hebrews 4: 7 – 11 (AMP)**

HE again sets a definite day, [*a New*] "Today," [*providing another Opportunity to enter* that Rest by] saying through David after so long a time, just as has been said before [*in the Words already quoted*], "TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

[*This mention of a rest was not a reference to their entering into Canaan.*] For if Joshua had given them rest, GOD would not speak about another day [*of Opportunity*] after that.So there remains a [*Full and Complete*] Sabbath Rest for the people of GOD.For the one who has once entered HIS Rest has also rested from [*the weariness and pain of*] his [*human*] *labors*, just as GOD rested from [*those labors uniquely*] HIS Own. Let us therefore make every effort to enter that Rest [of GOD, *to know and experience it for ourselves*], so that no one will fall by following the same example of Disobedience

[*as those who died in the wilderness*].

**Hebrews 3: 11 – 15 (AMP)**

“So I SWORE [*an Oath*] IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST [*the promised land*].”Take care, brothers and sisters, that there not be in any one of you a wicked, *Unbelieving Heart*

[*which refuses to trust and rely on the LORD, a heart*] that turns away from the Living GOD.But continually *encourage one another every day*, as long as it is called "Today" [*and there is an Opportunity*], so that none of you will be hardened [*into settled rebellion*] by the *deceitfulness of sin* [*its cleverness, delusive glamour, and sophistication*].

For we [*believers*] have become partakers of CHRIST [*sharing in all that the Messiah has for us*],

If only we hold firm our *newborn confidence* [*which originally led us to HIM*] until the end,while it is said, "TODAY [*while there is still opportunity*] IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEART, AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME [*in the rebellion in the desert at Meribah*]."

**~ READ – Psalm 95: 7b– 11**

**Hebrews 3: 18 –19 (AMP)**

And to whom did HE swear [an Oath] that they would not enter HIS Rest, but to *those who Disobeyed* [*those who would not listen to* HIS Word] ?So we see that they were not able to enter [*into* HIS Rest - *the promised land*] because of Unbelief and an Unwillingness to trust in GOD.

**We in CHRIST, have Received the Promise of the FATHER, to be Baptised in the SPIRIT.**

**~ Acts 1: 4 – 5**

And being assembled together with *them,* HE commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but

To wait for the Promise of the FATHER, "which," HE said, "you have heard from ME; for John truly

baptized with water, but *you shall be baptized with* the HOLY SPIRIT not many days from now."

**~ Acts 1: 8 (NLT)**

But you will receive Power when the HOLY SPIRIT comes upon you. And you will be MY Witnesses,

*telling people about me everywhere* - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria,and to the ends

ofthe earth.”

**Declaring & Proclaiming the Word, Good New of JESUS, there be the Power to Save Many.**

**Romans 1: 16 – 17**

For I am *Not Ashamed* of the Gospel of CHRIST, for it is the Power of GOD *to salvation for everyone*

*who believes*, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in It the Righteousness of GOD is revealed *from faith to faith*; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

**We will Bring Hope by the Power of the SPIRIT, when we are Filled Ourselves by the SPIRIT. Romans 15: 13**

Now may the GOD of Hope *fill you with all Joy and Peace in believing*, that *you may abound*in Hope

by the Power of the HOLY SPIRIT.