**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 02 July 2017**

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**Theme : Workers in CHRIST – *Alive & Righteous* (1)**

**JESUS the ROCK Proclaims - HIS Church *Be Built Upon* HIM, Evil & Darkness will Not Win vs.**

**~ Matthew 16: 18 – 19 (AMPC)**

 And I tell you, you are Peter [*Greek, Petros - a large piece of rock*], and on this rock [*Greek,*

 *petra - a huge Rock like Gibraltar*] I will build MY Church, and the gates of Hades (the powers of

 the infernal region) shall not overpower It [*or be strong to its detriment or hold out against* It].

 I will give you the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven; and whatever you bind (declare to be improper

 and unlawful) on earth must be what is already bound in Heaven; and whatever you loose

 (declare lawful) on earth must be what is already loosed in Heaven.

**JESUS has All the Authority Given from GOD the FATHER over *All Things*, *Natural* & *Spiritual*.**

**~ The Purpose of JESUS’ Authority *Given* to HIS *Disciples in Church* *to GO* to Build HIS Church.**

**~ Matthew 28: 18b, 19 – 20**

 "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 Building HIS Church thru HIS Disciples, *Exercising Spiritual Authority to Win Souls*.**

**~ Luke 9: 1 – 2, 6 (AMP)**

 Now JESUS called together the twelve [*disciples*] and gave them [*the Right to Exercise*]

 Power and Authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. Then HE sent them out

 [*on a brief journey*] to preach the Kingdom of GOD and to perform healing.

 So they *began* going from village to village, preaching the Gospel and healing *the sick* everywhere.

**JESUS Proven HIS Power of Spiritual Authority has been *Exercised by HIS Disciples* thru Faith.**

**~ Luke 10: 3b**

 **“Go your way; behold, I *send you out as lambs among wolves*.”**

**GOD’s Warning - Our *Daily Place* for GOD by the SPIRIT, *to Hear* & Obey as Current Word, *NOW*.**

**~ Hebrews 3: 7 – 8 (NLT)**

 That is why the HOLY SPIRIT says, "***TODAY***, when you hear HIS Voice, *don't harden your hearts*

 As Israel did when they rebelled, when they *tested* ME in the wilderness.

**~ Hebrews 4: 7 (NLT)**

 So GOD *set another time* for Entering HIS Rest, and that Time is ***TODAY***.

 GOD announced this through David much later in the Words already Quoted:

 **"*TODAY* when you hear HIS Voice, *don't harden your hearts*."**

**A Church is a Fellowship of Believers Assembly to Worship, Gathering to Encourage & to Warn.**

**~ Hebrews 3: 12 – 15 (NLT)**

 Be careful then, dear brothers and sisters. Make sure ***that your own hearts are not evil and***

***unbelieving*, turning you away from the Living GOD. You** ***must warn*** ***each other every day***,

 **while it is still "Today,"** so that *none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened* against GOD.

 For if we are Faithful to the end, Trusting GOD *just as* firmly as when we first believed,

 *we will share in All* that belongs to CHRIST. Remember what it says:

 **"*TODAY* when you hear HIS Voice, *don't harden your hearts* as Israel did *when they rebelled*."**

**The LORD Requires Obedience Always, Not our Sacrifices only – As A Lifestyle of Faithfulness.**

**~ 1 Samuel 15: 22 – 23**

So Samuel said: "Has the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying

 the Voice of the LORD ? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and *to heed* than the fat of rams.

 For rebellion *is as* the ***Sin of Witchcraft***, and ***Stubbornness*** *is as* ***iniquity*** and ***idolatr****y*.

 Because you have rejected the Word of the LORD, HE also has rejected you from *being* king."

**~ Hebrews 5: 8 (NLT)**

 Even though JESUS was GOD's Son, HE learned ***Obedience from the things*** HE ***Suffered.***

**Stewardship of GOD’s Laborers – A *Requirement* of Servants to be Faithful *in WORD & in Work*.**

**~ 1 Corinthians 4: 1 – 2 (AMP)**

 So then, let us [*who minister*] be regarded as servants of CHRIST and Stewards (trustees,

 administrators) of the Mysteries of GOD [*that* HE chooses to reveal].

 In this case, moreover, it is required [*as essential and demanded*] of Stewards that one be

 *found Faithful and* *Trustworthy*.

**Church is Not to be Dull & Sluggish in Spiritual Hearing - will cause *Unhealthy Spiritual Workers***

**~ Hebrews 5: 11 (AMP)**

 Concerning this we have much to say, and it is *hard to explain*, since you have ***become***

 ***Dull*** *and* ***Sluggish in*** [*your* ***Spiritual] Hearing*** *and* *disinclined to listen*.

**2 Timothy 2: 15 (AMP)**

Study *and* do your best to present yourself to GOD Approved, a workman [*tested by trial*] who has

no reason to be ashamed, *accurately handling* *and* *skillfully teaching* the Word of Truth.

**Power of GOD’s WORD, when Studied, *Divided* in Truth, so Skillfully Imparted thru Teaching.**

**~ Hebrews 4: 12 (AMP)**

 For the Word that GOD speaks is Alive and full of Power [*making it active, operative, energizing,*

 *and effective*]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, *penetrating to the* *dividing line* of the

 Breath of Life (soul) and [*the immortal*] spirit, and of joints and marrow [*of the deepest parts of our*

 *nature*], exposing *and* sifting *and* analyzing *and* judging the *very thoughts* and *purposes of the heart*.

**What Stifle any FRUIT Bearing Potential of Believers > *UnDying* ‘Self’, the *Carnal Nature is Alive*.**

**~ Galatians 2: 20 (AMP)**

 I have been crucified with CHRIST [that is, in HIM I have shared HIS Crucifixion]; it is no longer

 I who live, but CHRIST lives in me. The Life I now live in the body I *live by faith* [*by adhering to,*

 *relying on, and completely trusting*] in the Son of GOD, Who loved me and gave HIMSelf up for me.

**Galatians 5: 13 – 14 (AMP)**

For you, my brothers, were *called to freedom*; only do not let your freedom *become* an

Opportunity for *the Sinful Nature* (*worldliness, selfishness*), but through love *serve and seek*

the best for one another.

For the whole Law [*concerning human relationships*] is *fulfilled in one precept*,

"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF [*that is, you shall have*

*an Unselfish Concern for others and do things for their benefit*]."

**Galatians 5: 1**

Stand fast therefore in the Liberty by which CHRIST has *made us free*, and *do not be entangled*

*again* with *A Yoke* of bondage.

***UnDying* Carnal Nature will Set the Mind to Impulsive Appetites & Desires so to be *in Slavery.***

**~ Romans 8: 5 – 6 (NKJ), 8 – 9 (AMP)**

 For those who live according to the flesh *set their* *minds on the things of the flesh*, but those

 *who live* according to the SPIRIT, the things of the SPIRIT.

 For to be *carnally minded is death*, but to be *spiritually minded* *is* life and peace.

 And those who are in the flesh [*living a life that caters to sinful appetites and impulses*]

 *cannot please* GOD.

 However, you are not [*living*] in the flesh [*controlled by the sinful nature*] but in the SPIRIT,

 if in fact the SPIRIT of GOD lives in you [*directing and guiding you*]. But if anyone does

 not have the SPIRIT of CHRIST, he does not belong to HIM [*and is not a child of G*OD.]

**~ Romans 8: 1 – 2**

 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in CHRIST JESUS, who *do not*

 *walk according to* *the flesh*, but according to the SPIRIT.

 For the Law of the SPIRIT of Life in CHRIST JESUS has *made me free* from the *law of sin and death.*

**The HOLY SPIRIT is Moving by GOD’s Highest SuperNatural Law above All Earthly Laws.**

**~ Galatians 5: 18 – 21 (AMP)**

 But if you are *guided and led* by the SPIRIT, you are not subject to the Law.

 Now the practices of the sinful nature are *clearly* evident : they are sexual immorality, impurity,

 sensuality (total irresponsibility, lack of self-control), idolatry, sorcery, hostility, strife, jealousy,

 fits of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions [*that promote heresies*], envy, drunkenness,

 riotous behavior, and *other* things like these. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously,

 that *those who practice such things* will not inherit the Kingdom of GOD.

**Any Believer Claiming to be Crucified with CHRIST, the Carnal Self has to *Willingly Die Within*.**

**~ Galatians 5: 24 – 25 (AMP)**

 And those who belong to CHRIST JESUS *have crucified* the sinful nature together with its *passions*

 and *appetites*. If we [*claim to*] live by the [Holy] SPIRIT, we must also walk by the SPIRIT

 [*with personal integrity, godly character, and moral courage - our conduct empowered*

 *by* the HOLY SPIRIT].

**All Dying of the Old Carnal Nature, will be Evident by the *Fruit Bearing of the Righteous Tree*.**

**~ Matthew 3: 10 (AMP)**

 “And already *the axe* [of GOD's Judgment] is swinging toward the root of the trees; therefore

 every tree that *does not bear good fruit is cut down* and thrown into the fire.”

**JESUS Warns to Not be Deceived by Ministry, Gifting & Talents of False Ministers > Good Fruit ?**

 **~ Matthew 7: 18 – 20**

 “A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can a bad tree bear good fruit*.

 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is *cut down and thrown into the fire*.

 Therefore by their fruits you will know them.”

**John 15: 5 – 6 (NLT)**

"Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in ME, and I in them, will *produce much* fruit. For apart from ME *you can do nothing*. Anyone who *does not remain in* ME is thrown away like

a useless branch and *withers*. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.”

**John 15: 10 – 11 (NLT)**

“When you obey MY Commandments, you remain in MY Love, just as I obey MY FATHER's Commandments and remain in HIS Love.

I have told you these things so that you will be filled with MY Joy. Yes, your joy will overflow !”

**The Church is *A Purposeful Team* Called *Out of Darkness*, *Planted to Work* to Bear Lasting Fruit.**

**~ John 15: 16 (AMP)**

 “You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have *appointed* *and* *placed* *and*

 *purposefully planted* you, so that you would go and bear fruit *and* keep on bearing, and

 that your fruit will remain *and* be lasting, so that whatever you ask of the FATHER in

 MY Name [*as MY Representative*] HE may give to you.”

**Fruit Bearing Be Evident thru Disciples’ Obedience thru Love of GOD and HIS Commandments.**

**~ 1 John 2: 5 – 6, 7 – 8**

 But *whoever keeps* HIS Word, truly the Love of GOD is *perfected in him*. By this we know that

 *we are in* HIM. He who says he abides in HIM ought himself also to *walk just as* HE walked.

 Brethren, I write no new commandment to you, but an *old commandment which you have had*

 *from the* beginning. The old commandment is the Word which you heard from the beginning.

 Again, a New Commandment I write to you, which thing is True in HIM and in you, because

 the darkness is passing away, and the True Light is already shining.

**The World has All the *Seductive Seeds* of the devil to *Trap the 5 Senses* of Believers to Sin.**

**~ 1 John 2: 15 – 17 (NLT)**

 Do not love this world *nor the things it offers you*, for when you love the world, you do not have

 the Love of the FATHER in you.

 For the world offers only a *craving for physical pleasure*, *a craving for everything we see*, and

Pride *in our achievements and possessions*.

 These are not from the FATHER, but *are from this world*.

 And this world is fading away, *along with everything that people crave*.

 But anyone who does what pleases GOD will live forever.

**Believers Not be Drawn by the *Carnal Desires & Attractions* that are seeds that will *Take Root*.**

**~ 1 John 3: 8 – 10, 3, 5**

 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose

 the Son of GOD was manifested, that HE might destroy the works of the devil.

 Whoever has been born of GOD does not sin, for HIS Seed *remains in him*; and he cannot sin,

 because he has *been born of* GOD.

 In this the children of GOD and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever *does not practice*

 *Righteousness* is not of GOD, nor *is he who does not love his brother*.

 And everyone who has this Hope in HIM purifies himself, just as HE is pure.

 And you know that HE was manifested *to take away our sins*, and in HIM there is no sin.

**The LORD knows Our Heart Condition, and is Always Faithful to Restore Any Willing Heart.**

**~ 1 John 3: 20 – 21**

 For if our heart condemns us, GOD is greater than our heart, and knows all things.

 Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward GOD.

**1 John 4: 17 – 18**

Love has *been perfected among us* in this: that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because

as HE is, *so are we in this world*. There is no fear in love; but *perfect love casts out fear*, because

fear involves torment. But he who fears has *not been made perfect* *in love*.

**No Condemnation in CHRIST, as We No Longer Walk according to our Flesh Desires & Appetite**

**~ But Living according to the SPIRIT Leading & Guiding (Romans 8: 1).**

**~ Always Crying Out in Humility to our LORD GOD as in Psalms 51: 10 – 12, *A Desire to Be Pure*.**

**Then as we are HIS Righteous Arm for Salvation, we will *Not Fall Short to Save* as many Sinners.**

**~ Psalms 51: 13 (AMP)**

Then I will teach transgressors YOUR Ways, and sinners shall be *Converted* and Return to YOU.