**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 10 December 2017**

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**Theme : CHRIST’s MIND – Priesthood & Kingship (1)**

**JESUS CHRIST in the New Covenant is the Spoken WORD to HIS Believers, *Spiritual* and Truth.**

**~ Hebrews 1: 1 – 2**

 GOD, Who at various times and in various ways Spoke in *time past* to the fathers by the prophets,

 has in these last days *Spoken to us* by HIS Son, Whom HE has appointed Heir of all things,

 through Whom also HE made the worlds.

**Old Way thru Moses, Be Receiving without Understanding for the Grace GOD Freely Gives.**

**~ This *Spiritual Veil* covers their Spiritual Being to *Understand & Believe* the Spoken Truth.**

**~ John 1: 14, 16**

 And the WORD became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld HIS Glory, the Glory as

 of the only begotten of the FATHER, full of Grace and Truth.

 And of HIS Fullness we have all received, and Grace for Grace.

**The Declaration of Who JESUS is and HIS Purpose was to Make us Kings & Priests for GOD.**

**~ Revelation 1: 4 – 5a (NLT), 6 (NKJ)**

 This letter is from John *to* ***the Seven Churches*** in the province of Asia. Grace and Peace

 to you from the ONE Who is, Who always was, and Who is still to come; from the

 *Sevenfold* SPIRIT before HIS Throne; and from JESUS CHRIST. HE is the Faithful Witness

 to these things, the *First to Rise* from the dead, and *the Ruler* of all the kings of the world.

 And has made us ***Kings and Priests*** to HIS GOD and FATHER, to HIM

 be Glory and Dominion Forever and Ever. Amen.

**JESUS Stood in Midst of 7 Lampstands – Representative 7 Local Churches to *Rebuke & Affirm*.**

**~ Revelation 1: 12 – 13, 20**

 Then I turned to see the Voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw *seven golden*

 *Lampstands*, and in the midst of the seven Lampstands ONE like the Son of Man,

 clothed with a Garment down to the feet and girded about the Chest with a golden Band.

 The Mystery of *the seven st*ars which you saw in MY Right Hand, and the seven Golden Lampstands:

 The *seven stars are the angels of the seven churches*, and the seven Lampstands which you saw

 are *the seven* *Churches.*

**GOD the FATHER is HEAD of CHRIST, CHRIST is the HEAD of the Church, Authority over All, us.**

**~ HIS HEAD > Headship Given to JESUS by the FATHER, for HIM to be the Supreme Authority.**

**~ Ephesians 1: 22 – 23 (AMP)**

And HE put all things [*in every realm*] in subjection under CHRIST's Feet, and appointed

 HIM as [*Supreme and Authoritative*] HEAD over all things in the Church, which is HIS Body,

 the Fullness of HIM Who fills *and* completes all things in all [*believers*].

**~ Colossians 1: 18 – 19**

And HE is the HEAD of the Body, the Church, Who is the Beginning, the Firstborn from the dead,

 that in all things HE may have the Preeminence. For it pleased the FATHER that in HIM

 All the Fullness should dwell.

**~ Ephesians 4: 13, 15 – 16 (NLT)**

 This will continue until we all come to *such unity in our* *faith* and knowledge of GOD's SON

 that we will be mature in the LORD, measuring up to the Full and Complete Standard of CHRIST.

 Instead, we will speak the Truth in Love, *growing in* *every way more and more like* CHRIST,

 Who is the HEAD of HIS Body, the Church.

 HE makes the *whole body fit together perfectly*. As each part *does its own special work*,

 it helps the other parts grow, so that the *whole body is health*y and *growing* and full of Love.

**~ Colossians 2: 6 – 7**

As you therefore have received CHRIST JESUS the LORD, so *walk in* HIM, *rooted and built up*

 *in* HIM and *established in the faith*, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

**The Righteous *Continuously Receive* the Truth, so they will Shine Gloriously for GOD.**

**Matthew 13: 43**

“Then the Righteous will shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their FATHER.

He who has ears to hear, let him hear !”

**The Enemy Blinds the Mind of Unbelievers in the World, they cannot Receive the Gospel’s Light.**

**2 Corinthians 4: 3, 4, 6, 7**

But even if our Gospel *is veiled*, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds *the god*

*of this age* has *blinded*, who do not believe, lest the Light of the Gospel of the Glory of CHRIST,

Who is the Image of GOD, *should shine on them*.

For it is the GOD Who commanded light to shine out of darkness, Who has *shone in our hearts*

**to give the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of GOD in *the Face of* JESUS CHRIST.**

**~ The Righteous are Spiritually Enlightened to Shine to those who are *Perishing in Darkness*.**

**Revelation 22: 4 – 5**

“They shall see **HIS Face**, and HIS Name shall be on their foreheads.

There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for

**the LORD GOD *gives them* Light**. And they shall reign forever and ever.”

**Who are in *Self Will* in Church, Spiritual Blindness causes Strongholds in Mind under Captivity.**

**2 Corinthians 10: 3 – 5 (NLT)**

We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do.

We use GOD’s mighty Weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down

the Strongholds of *human reasoning* and to destroy *false arguments*.

We destroy every *proud obstacle* that keeps people from knowing GOD.

We capture their *rebellious thoughts* and teach them to obey CHRIST.

**Human Reasoning & Logic cause Pride & Rebelliousness against Knowing the Truth from GOD.**

**2 Corinthians 10: 5 – 7 (AMP)**

We are*destroying sophisticated arguments* and every exalted and proud thing that *sets itself up* against the [*True*] Knowledge of GOD, and we are taking every thought and purpose captive to the obedience of CHRIST, being ready to punish every act of disobedience, when your own

obedience [*as A Church*] is complete. You are looking [*only*] at the *outward appearance* of things. If anyone is confident that he is CHRIST's, he *should reflect*and consider this, that just as he is CHRIST's, so too are we.

**Stronghold of Mind will produce Bondage to not have Spiritual Understanding, ‘*Slave Mentality*’.**

**2 Corinthians 3: 16 – 17 (AMP)**

But whenever a person turns [*in repentance and faith*] to the LORD, the *Veil is taken away.*

Now the LORD is the SPIRIT, and where the SPIRIT of the LORD is, *there* is Liberty

[*emancipation from bondage, true freedom*].

**The SPIRIT’s Power thru JESUS CHRIST, is the Access to Draw Near for Emancipation from**

**All Bondages – Slavery to Self Will, Self Satisfaction, All Addiction & All Compulsive Disorder.**

**Being Reborn, Built into A Spiritual House as Foundation in CHRIST, by the SPIRIT *for Access*.**

**Ephesians 2: 20 – 22, 18**

Having been built on the Foundation of the apostles and prophets, JESUS CHRIST HIMself being the Chief Corner*stone,* 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 through HIM we both *have Access* by One SPIRIT to the FATHER.

**What is the *Reflection of Self* ? Are we in Denial of our Inner Self ? We are seeing only Facial ?**

**~ Are we Willing to Allow the SPIRIT of the LORD to *Transform us to Receive Higher Glory* ?**

**~ 2 Corinthians 3: 18 (AMP)**

 And we all, with Unveiled Face, *continually* seeing as in A Mirror the Glory of the LORD, are

 *progressively* being *transformed into* HIS Image from [*one degree of*] Glory to [*even more*] Glory,

 which comes from the LORD, [Who is] the SPIRIT.

**Without Liberation for Spiritual Freedom > No Spiritual Understanding > No Growth to Maturity.**

**Philippians 3: 1, 3 – 4 (NLT)**

Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the LORD.

I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it *to safeguard your* *faith*.

For we who worship by the SPIRIT of GOD are the ones *who are truly* *circumcised.*

We rely on what CHRIST JESUS has done for us. We put *no* *confidence in human effort*, though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for

confidence in their own efforts, I have even more !

~ **Transformation Process is initiated by Spiritual Circumcision, A Spiritual Process with Pain.**

**Human Effort of Self is to be Depending on Earthly Ways & Strengths, have Confidence in Self.**

**~ Reference Philippians 3: 5 – 6 > Paul has Pedigree & Credentials of Self, who he is as a person**

**> Circumcised Jew, Benjamin tribe, Roman Citizen, Pharisee credential, Righteous in Law.**

**How we Value our Earthly Things in this Earthly Life, as Compared with What JESUS has Done ?**

**~ Life HE Gave to us of the Power thru HIS Death for Resurrection Power to Be Alive in CHRIST.**

**Philippians 3: 7 – 9 (NLT)**

I once thought *these things were valuable*, but now I *consider them worthless* because of What CHRIST has done. Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the *Infinite Value* of Knowing CHRIST JESUS my LORD. For HIS Sake I have *discarded* everything else, *counting it*

*all as garbage*, so that I *could gain* CHRIST and *become One with* HIM. I *no longer count* on

my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I *become Righteous through Faith in* CHRIST.

For GOD’s Way of making us Right with HIMSelf depends on faith.

**~ If How we Value Earthly Things & Ways are *As Heavenly*, then we *Will Not Discard* as Garbage.**

**If Any Heart Value Earthly Things & Earthly Living, this Mind will be *Set by Habitual Stronghold*.**

**Colossians 3: 1 – 3 (AMP)**

Therefore if you have been raised with CHRIST [*to a New Life, sharing in* HIS Resurrection from

the dead], *Keep Seeking the things that are above*, where CHRIST is, *Seated at the* Right Hand of GOD. *Set your* *Mind* and keep Focused Habitually on the things above [*the Heavenly Things*], not on things that are on the earth [*which have only temporal value*]. For you died [*to this world*], and your [*New, Real*] life is hidden with CHRIST in GOD.

**We are to Die to Self, as to this World, is *To Be Not Conforming* to this World’s Culture & Values.**

**Romans 12: 2 (AMP)**

And do *not be conformed to this world* [*any longer with its superficial values and customs*], but

be *transformed and progressively changed* [*as you mature spiritually*] by the Renewing of your Mind [*focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes*], so that you may prove [*for yourselves*] what

the Will of GOD is, that which is Good and Acceptable and Perfect [*in* HIS *Plan and Purpose for you*].

**Thru Experience with our Relationship to Know CHRIST, by Understanding, to *Power of Change*.**

**Philippians 3: 10 – 11 (NLT)**

I want to know CHRIST and *experience* the Mighty Power that raised HIM from the dead.

I want *to suffer with* HIM, sharing in HIS Death, so that one way or another I *will experience*

the Resurrection from the dead !

**Willingness to Conform Like JESUS, even thru experiencing HIS Sufferings, even Dying to Self.**

**Philippians 3: 10 – 11 (AMP)**

And this, so that I may know HIM [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with HIM, *understanding the remarkable wonders* of HIS Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the Power of HIS Resurrection [which *Overflows and is Active* in believers], and

[that I may share] the fellowship of HIS Sufferings, by *being*continually*conformed*

[inwardly into HIS Likeness even] to HIS Death [dying as HE did];

so that I *may attain to* the Resurrection [that will raise me] from the dead.

**Experience the Resurrection Power working thru us, by *Abiding Union* in CHRIST as the Vine.**

**John 15: 4 – 5 (AMP)**

“Remain in ME, and I [*will remain*] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the Vine, neither can you [*bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith*] unless you remain in ME.

I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in ME and I in him bears much fruit, for [*otherwise*] apart from ME [*that is, cut off from vital Union* with ME] *you can do nothing*.”

**Abiding Union is Beyond Intimacy, Valuable Relationship, Trusting by *Spiritual Underst*anding.**

**Ephesians 1: 17 – 20 (AMP)**

[I always pray] that the GOD of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, the FATHER of Glory, may grant you

a spirit of Wisdom and of Revelation [*that gives you a deep and personal and Intimate Insight*]

into the True Knowledge of HIM [for we know the FATHER through the SON].

And [*I pray*] that the *eyes of your heart* [*the very center and core of your being*] may be

*enlightened* [flooded with Light by the HOLY SPIRIT], so that you will know and cherish the

Hope [*the divine guarantee, the confident expectation*] to which HE has called you, the Riches

of HIS Glorious Inheritance in the saints (GOD's people), and [*so that you will begin to know*]

what the Immeasurable and Unlimited and Surpassing Greatness of HIS [*active, spiritual*] Power

is ***in us who believe.*** These are in accordance with the Working of HIS Mighty Strength which

HE produced in CHRIST when HE *Raised* HIM from the dead and Seated HIM at HIS Own

Right Hand in the Heavenly Places.

**~ Reborn in CHRIST *Opens Spiritual Sight*, Enlightened with Spiritual Wisdom and Insight into GOD’s Resurrection Power working in All HIS People and *Know Where* our Resurrected KING is.**

**As HIS MasterPiece Being Progressively Resurrecting in our Inner Spirit by the SPIRIT’s Power. Ephesians 2: 10 (AMP)** For we are HIS Workmanship [HIS Own Master work, a work of art], created in CHRIST JESUS [Reborn from above - *Spiritually Transformed*, *Renewed*, *Ready* to be used] for *Good Works*, which GOD prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which HE set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which HE *prearranged and made ready* for us]. **~ Irreversible Process of Forward Change to Enable us as HIS Workmanship to Please our GOD.**

**Romans 12: 1 (AMP)** Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the Mercies of GOD, to present your bodies
[*dedicating all of yourselves, set apart*] as a living sacrifice, *Holy and Well-pleasing* to GOD,
*which is* your rational (logical, intelligent) act of Worship.