**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 17 December 2017**

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**Theme : CHRIST’s MIND – Priesthood & Kingship (2)**

**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.

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

**2 Corinthians 4: 3, 6**

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*.**

**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 vs 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*].

**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.

**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 !

**~ Experience the Resurrection Power working in us, in this Life, by Faith.**

**~ Sharing in HIS Death, so Being Dead to Self, Old Nature, Spiritual Transformation to Newness.**

**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.

**~ Spiritual Process of Cutting of the Old, Spiritual Renewing by Dying of Self Nature - *Inner Pain*.**

**2 Corinthians 5: 14 – 15, 17**For the Love of CHRIST compels us, because we judge thus: that if ONE died for all, then All died; and
HE died for all, that *those who live should live* *no longer for themselves*, but for HIM Who died for them and rose again.
Therefore, if anyone *is* in CHRIST, *he is* a new creation; *old things have* *passed away*; behold,
All Things *have become new*.

**~ To Attain the Bodily Resurrection, to Live with JESUS Forever, Eternity > Ref John 11: 25 – 26.**

**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.

**Those who are Still *Carnal*, Cannot Please GOD, their Mind be *Hostile to* GOD catering to *Desire*.**

 **Romans 8: 7** **– 8 (AMP)**  The mind of the flesh [*with its sinful pursuits*] is *actively hostile* to GOD. It does not submit itself to
GOD's law, since it cannot, and those who are in the flesh [*living a life that caters to sinful appetites and impulses*] *cannot please* GOD.

**As CHRIST’s POWER Work in us, we Work Out our Salvation with Fear & Trembling (Phil 2: 12b). Colossians 3: 5 – 7**Therefore *put to death your members* which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion,
evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. Because of these things the Wrath of GOD
*is coming* *upon the sons of disobedience*, in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them.

**Philippians 3: 12**Not that I have already *attained,* or am already perfected; but I *Press On*, that I may lay hold of that for which CHRIST JESUS *has also laid hold of me*. **~ Attitude of Not Attained, Arrived Yet at Perfection > Press On > What CHRIST has Given us by
 Grace.**

**Philippians 3: 13 – 14 (NLT)**

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 CHRISTJESUS, is calling us.

**~ Focus > Looking Ahead/Forward > Press On > End of Race Set by GOD > Heavenly Destination.**

**Philippians 3: 15 (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.

**~ All with *Same Mind* of Spiritually Maturity *Agree on Things to Focus to Press On* for CHRIST.**

**Philippians 2: 13 (NLT)** For GOD is working in you, *giving you the desire* and the Power to Do What Pleases HIM

**What Pleases GOD is to Focus Ahead, Forward, Press On, to Move to Complete HIS Set Race.**

**~ STAMINA - Key to RUN and Complete the Set Race, with Rules for the Race, not be Disqualified.**

***~ Spiritual Stamina* to Reach Our Goal the Destination to be with JESUS Forever - Heavenly Prize.**

**Hebrews 10: 37 – 38 (NLT), 38b (NKJ)** “For in just a little while, the Coming ONE Will Come and Not Delay.

And my Righteous Ones will live by faith. But I will *take no* *pleasure in anyone* who turns away.”

“If anyone *Draws Back*, MY Soul has *no pleasure in him*.”