**Aflame Sunday Celebration Message – 21 May 2017**

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**Theme : JESUS is *Always* Building HIS *CHURCH* (3)**

**JESUS 1st Coming as A Son of Man - *Many Believe* in JESUS, but Yet *Do Not Know* Who HE is.**

**~ “Who do you think I AM ?” - Matthew 16: 15b**

**~ “YOU are the CHRIST, the SON of the Living GOD.” - Matthew 16: 16b**

**When U Know JESUS is the SON, as True Believers U are to Know HIS *Purpose of* 1st *Coming*.**

**~ Matthew 16: 18 – 19**

 “And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this ROCK I *will build* MY Church, and

 the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

 And I will give you the *Keys of the Kingdom* of Heaven, and

 *whatever you bind on earth* will be bound in Heaven, and

 *whatever you loose on earth* will be loosed in Heaven."

**JESUS the ROCK Proclaims - HIS Church *Be Built Upon* HIM, Darkness of Hell will not win vs IT.**

**~ 2 Samuel 22: 2 – 3**

 And he said: "The LORD is my ROCK and my Fortress and my Deliverer;

 The GOD of my Strength, in Whom I will trust; My Shield and the Horn of my Salvation,

 My Stronghold and my Refuge; My Savior, YOU save me from violence.”

**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.

**We are *Called* *OUT* of Darkness *INTO* the Kingdom of GOD, then *Built UP* *in A Spiritual House*.**

**~ As All Believers are Being *Transferred* *OUT* of Darkness *INTO* JESUS’ *KINGDOM* of LIGHT.**

**~ Believers are to *Be BUILT UP* as True Worshippers of GOD ‘in Spirit and in Truth’ - *Ekklesia.***

**~ 1 Peter 2: 4 – 5 (AMP)**

 Come to HIM [*the Risen* LORD] as to A Living Stone which men rejected *and* threw away,

 but which is Choice and Precious in the Sight of GOD.

 **You [*believers*], like living stones, are being *Built Up into* a Spiritual House for**

 **A holy *and* dedicated priesthood, to offer *Spiritual Sacrifices* [*that are*]**

 **acceptable and pleasing to GOD *through* JESUS CHRIST.**

**JESUS as the LORD is the Chief Cornerstone of HIS *HOUSE*, All Believer as HIS *Living Stones*.**

**~ Believers are *Made As* Disciples in HIS Spiritual House, to Worship GOD thru JESUS CHRIST.**

**~ Chosen, Special People of All Generations for Priesthood to Worship and to Serve the LORD.**

**1 Peter 2: 6**

Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in ZION A CHIEF CORNERSTONE,

Elect, Precious, and *he who Believes on* HIM will by No Means be put to Shame."

**As HIS *Called OUT* People, we *To Proclaim to* Those Still in Darkness so they will obtain Mercy.**

**~ 1 Peter 2: 9 – 10**

 But you are a Chosen Generation, a Royal Priesthood, a Holy Nation,

 HIS Own special people, that you may ***Proclaim* the Praises of HIM**

 Who *Called you Out* of darkness into HIS Marvelous Light;

 who once were not a people but are *Now the People* of GOD,

 who had not obtained mercy but *Now* have *Obtained Mercy*.

**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.

**~ There was An Issue of A demon-possessed boy, as the 12 were unable to cast it out to heal.**

 **Luke 9: 40 – 41**

 So I implored Your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

 Then JESUS answered and said, "O ***faithless*** *and perverse generation*,

 how long shall I be with you and bear with you ? Bring your son here."

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

**~ Luke 10: 1 – 3**

 After these things the LORD appointed *seventy others* also, and *sent them two by two*

 before HIS Face into every city and place where HE HIMSelf was about to go.

 Then HE said to them, "The harvest truly *is* Great, but the laborers *are* few;

 therefore pray the LORD of the Harvest *to send out laborers* into HIS Harvest.

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

**JESUS’ *Model of Disciples* Demonstrated HIS Spiritual Authority Empowering Disciples *WORKs***

**~ Luke 10: 17 – 20**

 Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "LORD, even *the demons are subject to us*

 in YOUR Name."

 **And HE said to them, "I saw *Satan fall like lightning from Heaven*.**

 **Behold, I *Give you* the Authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over**

**All *the power of the enemy*, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**

 **Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, *that the spirits are* *subject to you*, but rather**

 **rejoice because your names are written in Heaven."**

**JESUS Rejoices that HIS Authority Given by HIS FATHER, Empowers HIS Disciples for Victory.**

**~ Luke 10: 21, 23 – 24**

 In that hour **JESUS *Rejoiced in the SPIRIT*** and said, "I thank YOU, FATHER, LORD of Heaven

 and earth, that YOU have *hidden these things from the wise* and prudent and revealed them

 to babes. Even so, FATHER, for so it seemed Good in YOUR Sight.”

 Then HE turned to HIS disciples and said privately, "Blessed *are* the eyes which see

 the things you see; for I tell you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see,

 and have not seen *It,* and to hear what you hear, and have not heard *It.*"

**~ JESUS CHRIST the *HEAD of the Church* has All Authority over the *World & Spiritual Realms*.**

**JESUS Commanded HIS Disciples to GO to Reach Out to as Many in Creation, to Save them.**

**~ Mark 16: 15 – 18 (NLT)**

 And then HE told them, "*GO* into all the world and preach the Good News *to everyone*.

 Anyone who *believes and is baptized will be saved*. But anyone *who refuses to believe will*

 *be* *condemned*. These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe:

 They will cast out demons in MY Name, and they will *speak in new languages*.

 They will be able to handle snakes with safety, and if they drink anything poisonous, it won't hurt them.

 They will *be able to place* *their hands on the sick, and they will be healed*."

**The SPIRIT is Poured Out on Believers to be *in Harmony* with GOD’s Will, to Build HIS Church.**

**~ 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 (AMP)**

 “But you will receive Power *and* ability when the HOLY SPIRIT comes upon you; and you will be

 MY Witnesses [*to tell people about ME*] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and

 even to the ends of the earth."

**The Outpouring of the SPIRIT on Pentecost *Fulfilled the Prophecy* of Joel 2: 28, Isaiah 32: 15.**

**~ Isaiah 32: 15**

Until the SPIRIT is poured out upon us from on High, and the wilderness becomes

 a fertile field, and the *fertile field is valued as a forest*.

**~ After CHRIST Ascension, in the Last Days, Church Age, Now in *Last Hour* before HE Returns.**

**JESUS Believers conversion by *Repentance*, Receive the Gift of the SPIRIT, FATHER’s Promise.**

**~ Acts 2: 38 – 39 (AMP)**

 And Peter said to them, "*Repent* [*change your old way of thinking, turn from your sinful ways,*

 *accept and follow* JESUS as the Messiah] and be baptized, each of you, in the NAME of JESUS

 CHRIST because of the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the Gift of the HOLY SPIRIT.

 For the Promise [of the HOLY SPIRIT] is for you and your children and for *All who are far away*

 [*including the Gentiles*], as many as the LORD our GOD calls to HIMSelf."

**Church is A Fellowship of JESUS Believers, *Unite*d in GOD’s *Purpose* thru *Doctrinal* Teaching.**

**~ Acts 2: 42 (NKJ), 46 – 47 (AMP)**

 **And they *Continued steadfastly in the Apostles' Doctrine* and Fellowship,**

 **in the Breaking of Bread, and in Prayers.**

 Day after day they met in the temple [*area*] *continuing with one mind*, and

 Breaking Bread in various private homes. They were *eating their meals together with*

Joy *and Generous Hearts*, Praising GOD *continually,* and *having* Favor *with All the people*.

 And the LORD *Kept Adding* to their Number daily *those who were being saved*.

**~ CHURCH > Instruction of Apostles’ Doctrines > Fellowship with *Spiritual Unity* > Generosity**

 **> Continually Praising the LORD > JOY > Favor with All Believers and Unbelievers.**

**As Witnesses of the LORD JESUS, we are to be *Disciple-Makers*, teaching in *Every House & LG*.**

**~ Acts 5: 32 (NLT), 42 (NKJ)**

 We are *witnesses of these things* and so is the HOLY SPIRIT, Who is given by GOD

 to those who obey HIM.

 And daily in the temple, and *in Every House*, they *did not cease teaching* and preaching

 JESUS as the CHRIST.

**~ Acts 5: 14**

And believers were *Increasingly Added* to the LORD, multitudes of both men and women.

**~ Acts 9: 31 (AMP)**

So the church throughout Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace [*without persecution*],

 being *Built Up* [*in wisdom, virtue, and faith*]; and walking in the Fear of the LORD and in the Comfort

 and Encouragement of the HOLY SPIRIT, it *continued to grow* [*in numbers*].

**Believers in JESUS CHRIST are to be *Disciples* of the LORD’s Teaching & Apostles’ Doctrines.**

**~ As Scattered Disciples from Jerusalem, traveled Afar, they become JESUS *Disciples Makers*.**

**Acts 11: 20 – 23 (AMP)**

But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and *began* *speaking*

*to* the Greeks as well, *Proclaiming* [*to them*] the Good News about the LORD JESUS.

And the Hand (the Power and Presence) of the LORD was with them, and a *great number* who *believed* *turned to* the LORD [for salvation, accepting and *drawing near to* JESUS as Messiah and Savior].

The news of this reached the ears of the Church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

When he arrived and saw the Grace of GOD [*that was bestowed on them*], he rejoiced and *began*

*to Encourage* them All with an unwavering heart to *Stay True* *and* devoted to the LORD.

**Barnabas *Full of Faith* and the SPIRIT *Brought Many* to the LORD, but Need Help *to Disciple All*.**

**Acts 11: 24, 26**

For he was a Good Man, full of the HOLY SPIRIT and of Faith. And A Great *many people*

*were Added* to the LORD.

And when he had found him, *he brought him to* Antioch. So it was that *for a whole year*

*they* *assembled with the church and taught a great many people*.

And the disciples were ***first called******Christians*** in Antioch.

**The Churches are to *Spread the WORD by Discipleship of Believers*, *Not Only Adding Numbers*.**

**Acts 13: 48 – 49, 52**

Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and Glorified the Word of the LORD.

And as many as had *been appointed to Eternal Life believed*.

**And the Word of the LORD was *being Spread* throughout All the region.**

**And the Disciples were filled with Joy and with the HOLY SPIRIT.**

**The Churches are *Accountable thru the Elders* for the Teaching of the Word & their Obedience.**

**~ Acts 14: 23 (AMP)**

 When they had appointed *elders for them in every church*, having prayed with fasting,

 they *entrusted them to* the LORD in Whom they believed [*and joyfully accepted as* the Messiah].

**Till END, the LORD is Leading, Speaking, Rebuking, Chastening HIS Churches so *to Overcome*.**

**~ Revelations 1: 13, 20**

 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 Stars 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*.”

**All the 7 LAMPSTANDS, the LORD Speak by HIS SPIRIT, ‘An Ear’ to Hear, thru HIS *Messenger*.**

**~ Revelations 2: 11**

 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the SPIRIT says to the churches.

 He *who overcomes* shall not be hurt by *the second death*."

**The LORD is Looking for Faithfulness in HIS Church, in Faith and Keeping the WORD till END.**

**~ Revelations 3: 10 – 13**

 “Because you have kept MY *Command* to persevere, I also will Keep you from the *Hour of Trial*

 which shall come upon the whole world, to *Test those who dwell on the earth*.

 Behold, I am *coming quickly* ! Hold fast what you have, that *no one may take your crown*.

 He *who overcomes*, I will make him a pillar in the Temple of MY GOD, and he shall go out no more.

 I will write on him the Name of MY GOD and the Name of the City of MY GOD, the New Jerusalem

 which comes down out of Heaven from My GOD. And *I will write on him* MY *New Name*.”

 **"He who has an ear, let him hear what the SPIRIT *says to the churches*."**

**Revelations 3: 19 – 22**

“As many as I love, I *rebuke* and *chasten*. Therefore **be *Zealous* and *Repent*.**

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My Voice and *opens the door*,

I will come in to him and *dine with him*, and he with ME.”

**“To him *who Overcomes* I will *Grant to Sit with ME* on My Throne,**

**as I *also Overcame* and *Sat Down* with My FATHER on HIS Throne.”**

**"He who has *an ear*, let him hear what the SPIRIT says to the Churches."**

**The LORD JESUS Loves HIS Church, HIS Body.**

**~ The LORD *Returns* as the Bridegroom to *Redeem* HIS Bride, the *Overcoming Churches*.**

**~ The LORD’s Bride are *Victorious Wise Overcomers* *Awaiting Selflessly* for the ONE *Coming*.**