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"In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace;" – EPHESIANS 1:7

# HOLD ON TO YOUR REDEMPTION: SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE

Believe it or not folks, one single soul will tip the scales in comparison to any prime property on earth or any patch of dust. Let us hear what the Great Fisherman, Peter the Apostle of Christ had to remind us all in this matter; "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?" {2 Peter 3:9-12} Jesus has also warned His people not to lose their souls over of any form of material, worse still, ideologies of humans; "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his soul? Or shall a man give in exchange for his soul? {Mark 8:36-37}

We are alive today and have the privilege to warn everyone who will hear what the Spirit is saying: many will be in shock on that day when they will see everything they've fought for, and almost lost their salvation over go up in smoke! Then, perhaps some will remember that they were warned, when they kept saying, "God said!" Do not lose your soul over property or land or ideologies; open your eyes and believe the gospel. We shall all give account for all we have said and are still saying which God has already given us His word; God will not choose the most beautiful cathedral or any piece of land over the salvation of a soul, regardless of where the soul is located! He died for humans, not properties; that is why everything will be burned. The blood of Jesus Christ redeems, and it is in full. Tell it from the rooftop, Amen.

### Blessing

## #Hope TRUMPET CALL 1/9/2017

"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is the name whereby He shall be called, 'THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." – JEREMIAH 23:5-6

### A WARNING CALL: REPENT

The Lord does a lot of strange things; some He will show us the reasons, most of them we may never be shown and we may not know until the Second Advent. One thing is, however, sure, Jesus Christ is the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS; it is who He is, what He does, whatever He says or have commanded us, what He commanded us to seek and to do; righteousness is what He speaks and declares and what He has invited us to be and what He has imputed to us as a gift. A Lion can never behave like a snake; it will be an outrage.

For years after one of my people introduced me to Facebook and registered me, I was really truly unsure and puzzled about what it was really for; all I received were notifications about birthdays and I concluded it was purely a waste of my time. When I was compelled to see what was going on, I could instantly see God's wisdom and that it was not my move at all. What, however, I discovered was not what I was prepared for; it was more than a shock. It became clear to me that I was more than naive; we saw the true nature of people we've trusted all our lives and have read or eaten their books; what is being said and done with the name of Jesus Christ the RIGHTEOUS ONE. It became clear that the Jesus we believe in and have preached in and with His name and which we believe in from our bibles is different from the one portrayed to the world, especially in the social media. We saw clearly why the way of truth is evil spoken of {2 Peter 2:2} and the hard time some of us who to go out to the streets unnecessarily experience. What we post about people, how we talk about people, and afterward call people to pray and come and register is some bible school; it is nothing but shocking! No! The world is not dumb! We are responsible for a lot of things happening on earth more than we care to believe or own up.

This is God's verdict; there is nowhere that the word "government" and "authority" was primarily used that it was not in reference to the "Roman governmental institutions" in the time of Christ Jesus and His Apostles; we can search the Scripture to see how Daniel, Jesus Christ, and His Apostles behaved, and the words they spoke about those in government or in authority; we have the choice today to repent and believe God and His word as true believers; God is righteous and has given His gift of righteousness. It is not everything we say or do that is righteous, but there should be a time to draw the line and stop misrepresenting God to the

world; it empowers every enemy of God. All that Jesus taught and commanded were not "accusing the brethren"; the same with His Apostles. We can only be the light of the world when we are light.

"BUT THERE were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves destruction. Many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgement; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with filthy conversation of the wicked: (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;) The Lord knows how to deliver the ungodly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities." {2 Peter 2:1-10} Both Noah and Lot saw and heard in their days as with all the prophets of old and Christ and His Apostles.

When our actions and our words belie righteousness, we invite the kingdom of darkness to fight against the very same people and the world we are supposed to be agents of redemption; and then blame the world for everything they do wrong; how is it that we have difficulties in seeing this? Not only do we preach rebellion, we invite more people to partake in it and even believe it is God answering us when we call for prayers; does that mean some of us do not know that the devil answers prayers too? A false prophet and false brethren are not those who preach falsehood and prophesy lies; they are those whose gifts are working perfectly and sees accurately but whose words, works, and actions are unrighteous and unjust, fuelled by all sorts of prejudices and even bigotry, giving God and Christ a bad name by their very acts which are contrary to righteousness, who present barricades into the Kingdom of God which they are not seeking to enter. In the days of old, the common theme was to declare all the good things God promised, and omit the "IF"; so they kept prophesying "PEACE, PEACE" behaving and sowing badly by actions and inactions whilst expecting good. This is the meaning of false prophesying or false prophets.

These were the same reasons for all the evil that befell the nation of God's people from time immemorial. Those we seek to influence are watching us daily; would any of us see any of his/her children taking drugs and keep quiet? God raises His children in righteousness, not in any other way. "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? {1 Peter 4:17} Those who are wise will ensure that there will be no blood in their hands.

"In transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter. Yea, truth faileth, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey: and the LORD saw it, and it displeased Him that there was no judgment." {Isaiah 59:13-15} There will be many of the so-called LGBT and harlots and crooked politicians, just like Zacchaeus, who will make it to heaven, just as Jesus promised, and those who think that they have a relationship with Christ will wonder why they found themselves in a different place. "Verily I say to unto you, 'That publicans and harlots go into the Kingdom of God before you." {Matthew 21:31} Whatever we do to anyone, Christ has warned, we do to Him.

"The watchman of Ephraim was with my God: but the prophet is a snare of fowler in all his ways, and a hatred in the house of God. They have corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: therefore He will remember their iniquity, He will visit their sins." {Hosea 8:7-8} Grace was never given as a license for evil or wickedness, neither was it given to subvert destinies of peoples or nations.

Folks, let no man deceive you, God's ways, words, commandments, acts, counsels, thoughts, and mind are all righteous and righteousness; this was why Jesus commanded that this was what we should seek first. Jesus Christ is the King of Righteousness and God's Kingdom is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. London has a Muslim as a Mayor; has London caught fire because of this? How did Daniel behave to Nebuchadnezzar and why was He renowned for his piety? His example and the example of Christ and His Apostles should believers in Christ follow; Jesus has warned; "The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: all therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do, but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." {Matthew 23:2-3} Righteousness and rebellion against God and His words and commandments are diametrically opposed: many have been deceived because of accurate prophetic words and working of miracles; it is not a sign to the discerning. What we sow, we shall reap.

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another." {Galatians 5:13}

God has promised: "But unto you that feareth My name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings; and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in that day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts." {Malachi 4:2-3}. God will be known for righteousness.

"Now the end of the commandment is Love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned." {1 Timothy 1:5} The best legacy anyone can leave his/her children is in this Scripture. We cannot be married to Christ and live and behave in a different manner; Righteousness is like filling your car with the appropriate fuel, gasoline or diesel; no man can fill a gasoline engine with water because a liquid is liquid just like gas and expects it to work. Righteousness works when it is righteousness, and it is pure light because it is Christ. Seek righteousness; find out for yourselves, the true meaning of redemption and what you are redeemed from and into; seek for yourselves what Christ meant when He said, "It is finished"; trust in God alone; Christianity is powered by the Spirit of Christ. 2017 is a blank cheque, use it wisely; this is righteousness, Amen.

## Blessing

NB: This message is given totally in love, by faith, and with hope.

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you though the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ. According as His Divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fail: for an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." – 2 PETER 1:2-11

Amen.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." – EPHESIANS 1:3

Amen

"And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about them a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yokes, and delivered them out of them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid." – EZEKIEL 35:25-28

Amen

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in the time of need." – HEBREWS 4:16

Amen

"O GIVE thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: for His mercy endureth for ever." – PSALM 136:1

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"To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice." – PROVERBS 21:3

ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE: AN ETERNAL CONVERSATION – GENESIS 18:17-19

Fatherhood has always been the joy of God the Father and has led to His desire to raise up men and women to be and to do like Him. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." {Isaiah 9:6} This prophecy was fulfilled in Christ Jesus, the Source of our own sonship; He is the Everlasting Father who begets; His character was also foretold: "Butter and honey shall He eat, that He may know to refuse the evil, and

choose the good." {Isaiah 7:15} This, therefore is the imputed nature of all those begotten by Jesus Christ, which we shall discover as we draw near to Him and become more acquainted with His ways, for this does not happen naturally but by seeking; "I can of Mine own Self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not Mine own will, but the will of My Father which hath sent Me." {John 5:30}

When God is described as a Father and Jesus Christ the everlasting Father, we should know why; the son or children will possess the DNA of the father, and it will be so for Christians begotten of His Spirit. Jerusalem of heaven is the mother of all those whom The Everlasting Father begets {Galatians 4:26, Hebrews 12:22}. Jesus cautioned against calling anyone on earth "father" and reasonably; the son or children will take after their father. We should consider this and not take such simple admonitions for granted; it is evident that God takes fatherhood and any claim of it very serious. God's people are the "called out" to follow the everlasting Father, who surrendered His will to God the Father for our salvation and who has sent us to do the same. The nature of the Father and those who will behave like Him are simple and plain. This may resonate with someone and explain concealed truths; Christians are begotten by Christ for the purpose of becoming channels to beget more children through the gospel message. This is why we believe that seeking God's Will and praying for God's Will, affects lives and is very crucial in our time, for this season, and for our generation. Jesus Christ is the Father or the Source of those who speak and do the good; this keeps us from having any confidence in self but in God.

Eli lost his place, but he raised up Samuel because God ordained it. Unfortunately, Samuel's children too were never able to follow the example of an illustrious Samuel; something seems to have passed from Eli to Samuel's children. Samuel nonetheless remains one of the prophets that could truly stand before God at any time. History is what we put into it, but if God can say to us, just as He said of father Abraham, "I know him to teach his children to do justice and judgement, then we can truly see what God is thinking and why he reminded us of what delights Him; "Lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness {Jeremiah 9:23-24}. It is important for all those whose heart is set on eternity to always remember this; God does not change, neither does His delights change, this is a challenge to fatherhood and to those who know that their legacies are being written daily.

God requires no other sacrifice from any apart from a broken and contrite heart {Psalm 51:17}; broken in the sense of surrendered and tenderised wills for Him to fulfil all He has promised, for the world to see that all He said and commanded is real and true; this is to His glory, the glory that convicts and converts. "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." {1 Peter 2:5} Amen.

Blessing

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." – {Philippians 4:8}

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." – 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

#Hope

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"THUS SAITH the LORD, 'The heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool: where is the house that ye build unto Me? And where is the place of My rest? For all those things hath Mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at My word." – ISAIAH 66:1-2

# THE CHRISTIANITY CHRIST INSTITUTED

When God created the heavens and the earth, He created man in His own Image and Likeness. His plan was that every human being will be His children, sons, and daughters, not any particular race. That plan has not changed; this was what He sent Christ to redeem and what Christ committed to the Church to communicate to the whole world {See Matthew 28:19-20}.

What God and His Christ requested from His people, whom He has saved was to present to Him a worthy sacrifice of our hearts and souls, surrendered to Him willingly and joyfully, for Him to be enthroned and then be able to do what only He can do {See Romans 12:1}. This is the challenge the Church has faced ever since the first Church of Christ's Apostles and Disciples left. Ever since we have tried to get God the Holy Spirit to accept whatever we offer and to work with whatever we permit. This is what we are still doing till date. The region known as the Middle East would have been saved before those in China and the USA and Africa. No one can change prophecies, but we should not be in doubt about God's plans and why improvisation is different from His own plan.

We may ask ourselves the simple question; how would Israel and Lebanon and Palestine and Syria and Jordan and all the Middle Eastern countries have looked like if they were saved with Holy Spirit filled souls? Sound simplistic and naive? But it may give us all the picture of what Jesus was saying and mourning about when He wept that His people do not know what has happened because they missed the time of their visitation. God has no plan B anymore for the human race, just the Jesus plan. It is either salvation by Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit, and through surrendered souls or nothing. God will not strive with anyone or save anyone through religion or ideologies; certainly not through legislatures, judges or guns. Seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness will bring us all back from where we missed the turn. It will deal the fatal blow to every known delusion and bring us all back to true Christianity and God's original plan which Christ paid for, to redeem. When we turn to the Lord, the veil shall be removed {2Corinthians 3:12-18}; Christianity and righteousness work only when it is Christianity and righteousness; this was what God and His Christ instituted, Amen.

Blessing

# #Hope 1/14/2017

"And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." – ISAIAH 35:10

# THE VOICE OF VICTORY

There is hardly any victory that will not come without a fight and usually some unanticipated distractions. Many may not understand the fight, and some also may not identify the victory when it comes, but some may sense and see "EPIPHANY"; this may also signify that victory. Not a few of the folks thought that David was not making a mistake and his decision to confront Goliath pure suicidal escapade; Jesus was viewed as having gone too far and was indeed receiving what He deserved. This is the nature of the fight of faith. Not many wanted to identify with either of them at the time it mattered most; this is also the nature of the true fight of faith. They both saw victory before the challenge; this was not about perspectives, it was about reality, the reality of who God is, and can always only be to His glory. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, against strongholds, with our thoughts, and with our imaginations. The enemy says it is righteous, we say no, it isn't; he says it is just, we say no, it isn't; he says it is unjust, we say yes, it is just; he says it is unrighteous; we say yes it is righteous. The truth is our source and our weapon, and His name is Jesus. It will be opposed, we will be challenged to reject expecting protests, but we should calmly take a stand when we sense that many do not understand what is going on; but at the end, it shall speak, as it did for David and for Jesus. So hold on and set your eyes on Jesus but shout "VICTORY!" You may not expect anyone to be in your shoes.

"For your shame ye shall have double; and for your confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them." {Isaiah 61:7} There is no victory without a fight, but seeing the victory before and during the fight of faith is crucial, and it will usually be connected with what some had refused to confront. This is why victory is also a product of selflessness and true love, and it is the call of Jesus to every believer. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony; this victory is also a gift, it has been concluded on the Cross, Amen.

Blessing

# #Hope 1/15/2017

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it written, 'Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." – GALATIANS 3:13-14

## BLESSINGS TO THE BLESSED

Jesus died for us all so that no man should or will ever live under curses. Man was never created by God to be cursed or to live under curses. We should all be able to agree that it is better to be blessed than to be cursed. Paul the Apostle said this to the Ephesian elders; "And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the Kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the Church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." {Acts 20:25-28}

Yes, it was a grave moment for Paul; God had shown him what will happen after he departs. The gospel is good news because it is good; it delivers from curses; there is no profit whatsoever in curses. But to deliberately bring one's self under curses after

we have been delivered from them is a different thing. It becomes even more serious when one chooses curses by one's own self after God has shown us that we are blessed and that Jesus died, taking upon Himself all the curses due to us, which were attached to the Law so that no man will ever be cursed or live under curses, whether they are generational or ancestral, regardless of the reasons for our decisions. This was what shocked Paul about the Galatian Church and what God is calling His people to observe closely. Choosing curses automatically opens the door to all sorts of things we have already been delivered from and a life of works and struggles; we should know that God's enemy has been fighting this and will continue to fight it; he is the only one who profits from curses. The choice is simple; choose to be blessed and remove yourself from the curse of the Law. Reformation, therefore, begins with that transition from the Old Covenant of the Law of sin, death, and curse of the Law, to the New Covenant of Life in Christ Jesus, and of the royal law of liberty and of full grace.

The gospel is good news because we can never be condemned again, having been delivered from the Law, which is of sin and of death, and brought into the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus {Romans 8:1-2}. We now live in liberty and thus under the royal law of liberty {Galatians 5:1, James 2:8-11}. Crucial to our enjoying the law of liberty and bearing the fruit of the Spirit, is our separation from the Law, which is the veil and its curses {See 2 Corinthians 3:12-18, Galatians 3:1-2, 12-14}}; the seed of the Law and the seed of the Spirit occupies the same position in our lives; one is of sin and death and the fruit are the works of the flesh and their curses; the other is of liberty of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, and the fruit are the fruit of the Spirit with grace as its power. The two cannot and will not co-exist; the choice is ours. Those who seek to end curses and shut the door permanently against the old life, as new creatures, to live by faith will come fully under the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, the law of liberty, and the full Spirit of grace: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Amen.

Blessing

#Hope TRUMPET CALL 1/18/2017

"Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. Then said I, 'Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart." – PSALM 40:6-8

THE NEW LIFE OFFERING: THE SPELL OF THE LAW IS BROKEN

King David the first Prophet-King was the first to see the New Life and prophesied about this New Life offering in this Messianic Psalm. This was the offering God missed most since the day the first man transgressed; this remains the only offering that gives God true delight. What will any reasonable man desire in his wife? If the man cannot have the heart and soul of his wife, the rest is pure fiction. There are too many things similar in the nature of God in humans: we were created in His Image and Likeness.

Those who may not be in the conflicts and the clashes going on in the spirit between the forces seeking to continue the status guo and those contending for the forward thrust and the maintaining of the courses set forth are given to unwittingly launching guips that can demoralize. No sane person will risk their lives for self-promotion. Sticking one's neck out when one has been shown several people languishing in captivity in different realms because of practices that are avoidable may be construed as pride or arrogance or the desire for a platform. It is on the platform of self-sacrifice that the body of Christ got to this stage of our journey. This was what those who died that we may have the truth we enjoy today did. If anyone is discouraged because of such guips or guirks, always remember that worse was said and done to those who laid down their lives in the past generations. Rejoice and reject offense. History and the records are kept in heaven {See Malachi 3:16}; the reasons why we talk of reformation and revival is because the Church slept and abandoned the truth; we can't allow that to happen again. It should be about the message, not the messenger; and to put the message beside Scripture. It is time we all get very thick skins!

This is what Jesus did: "Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, 'Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared Me: in burnt offering and sacrifices for sin thou had no pleasure. Then said I, 'Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do thy will, O God. Above when He said, 'Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offering by the law; then said He, 'Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second." {Hebrews 10:5-9} The spell attached to the Law is broken {Galatians 3:1-2}.

The sorrow that the Disciples of Christ felt when they knew something terrible was about to happen to Christ and that it has something to do with Him being removed from them needed the reassurance that it would not be like the first time it happened. Jesus had revealed to them that when His Disciples see Him they've seen the Father; this was how it was with our first parents in the garden when God required no offerings; there was no need for them. All that He desired was their company, their fellowship, the doing things together, walking, talking, eating, discussing strategies and plans together, and so on; this was what God missed and used His very Life to pay for so that He can have without interruption.

Jesus gave a hint again about this New Life which He was then about to enact; "What thinkest thou, Simon? Of whom do the Kings of the earth take custom or tribute? Of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto Him, 'Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, 'Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for Me and thee." {Matthew 17:25-27} The last thing on the mind of Jesus was to argue about money; man's fall had done enough damage to our abilities to see spiritual things or to fully grasp the message of redemption. Jesus Christ became the ultimate offering to restore God's offering to Himself.

A man that has his wife has a license; the body, heart, and soul were what he married; everything else the wife possesses belongs to the man (including her debts). This is what the New Life really is about; "For thy Maker is thine Husband; the LORD of host is His name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; 'The God of the whole earth shall He be called." {Isaiah 54:5} God's desire for which He died for us is to have His people as a living (ALIVE) offering as "THE SACRIFICE" {See Romans 12:1}: this was what Jesus did and taught us to do, and it was also what the first Apostles understood, believed and taught; "For if there be first a willing mind, it is acceptable according to that a man hath, and not according to that He hath not." {2 Corinthians 8:12}. And when Ananias and Sapphira his wife had a different mind, they dropped dead, as a warning.

Whatever God did not institute is bound to bring reproach at the end. A New Life believer knows that God has given His offering once and for all through Jesus Christ, to possess the ultimate offering for Himself. God, therefore, does not give tithes, first fruits, or offerings: God owns everything a believer possesses. "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?" {1 Corinthians 6:19} The main purpose of God dying for us is to have and to recover and to redeem totally what He lost in the Garden of Eden; He did not die to cut deals with humans; He didn't die to bargain in percentages with humans; how many men will cut such deals with their wives? The purpose of the New Covenant and the death of Christ on His Cross is union with God: this was hitherto not possible with humans, which was the old life He came to redeem us from.

Nations and governments struggle to understand corruption and to deal with it: let us go into the spirit realm and turn off the tap of corruption, and then we will see it truncated on earth, then we will have the voice and the moral ground to stanch the flow in our generation and the ones coming behind. A New Life believer, who belongs to God and believes the Bible, will believe that God will back up His admonition: "Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand." {Philippians 4:5} He knows that if our lifestyles could make the world wonder about the veracity of what we teach and profess as Christians, it serves no one, and least of all, God. Reproach is at the polar end of glory. A New Life believer knows that God is one with a believer from dawn to dusk in everything we think, do or say; that is the reason we are born-again: we will not be able to boast of obeying God; God is in man obeying Himself on our behalf, we couldn't do this before we came to Him. "for without Me ye can do nothing" {John 15:5}. A New Life believer knows that all that he or she possesses belongs to God; he knows that this eternal partnership is based on love, on integrity and the highest form of fidelity; He sees and hears us, He knows our rising up and sitting down; He knows our motives and indeed seeks to be our only motive for anything we think, do or say; it starts with believing the truth about the New Life; He is not seeking anyone's hands. Should we not accept the truth that what is requiring the offerings we convey people back into the Old Covenant to obtain are our own plans and devices or contraptions? It dishonors God when we associate curses or some sort of special blessings and privileges to some types of material offerings. We cannot tell that to any of the technology billionaires in the Silicon Valley whose lives work we all depend upon to spread the gospel daily. This is maybe God's sense of humor to us all; none of them is attributing anything they created for the benefit of humanity to giving God something before receiving their inspirations for their innovations. The world is waiting for us to wake up! The grace that flows must necessarily have a source.

Sell the jets; sell the ostentatious things that attract reproaches like flies! Hand over His things to Him and He will sanctify and direct on how to move forward. The New Life believer knows he/she has no leg to stand upon if all we possess truly belongs to God as it ought to be: he knows God will ask us why we need the private jets when we know even the world is wondering why? Why give the world something that creates confusions in their minds about who Christ is? What they've heard about Christ and what they've observed does not seem to add up! If it reasonably confuses the world, it becomes doubtful that it can profit Christ and His Kingdom. God gave us the Social Media so that at the push of a button, we can reach billions if we play our part well according to His plan. Whatever affects a part affects the whole body. At this stage, we should be honest and frank with ourselves; this was how it was with those before us, especially the first Church.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." {Romans 8:14} The discipline of the New Life committed to us was this; "Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:" {1 Timothy 1:5} Financial discipline is a "one-on-one" discipline and affair between the Husband and His wife; third parties are not invited. This sort of heart is what Christ died for us to give to Him, which He Himself will produce in us when we allow Him by giving Him the same offering He gave to God {Psalm 40:6-8} Those who are led by God's Spirit will hear God when He request for His resources in our hands for what He is doing and not what we want to do; our excuses of having given God "His ten percent share" has been nailed to the Cross because we are doing what Christ did, the surrender of our wills. A good wife will discuss with her husband all that she is using his resources for and will indeed converse with him in everything she does; that is why it is a union.

It is crucial for everyone who is listening to understand; we've not seen the harvest God promised because He is not bringing in any harvest that will require reformation and deliverance again; we've been on this subject for years and tried to alert everyone, not because the harvest is not waiting, but because God is waiting on His people to prepare the way for Him. His Bride is to be like Him, to surrender her will just as He did, for Him to sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word {Ephesians 5:26}, and this is only possible with the Word of truth that sanctifies {John 17:17}. The Mediator does not partake in any covenant that is connected to curses or the old life which He has already nailed to His Cross. The Old Testament can only be understood by the Spirit of the New Testament. This is what gives us the understanding of redemption, what we are redeemed from, and what we are redeemed into.

It is hard to understand and talk about humility without genuine heart surrender to God and His word and that reverential fear and trembling at His revealed truths from His word. Transformation was never designed to be by human effort; the works of our faith is to believe in whom the Father sent {John 6:29}. This is what brings us to the surrender of our wills which is the Cross {John 5:30, Luke 22:42}. There are going to be several billionaires unbelievers that God will convert; it will also require that His people stop believing that God needs their money. What we should believe is that whilst we were busy with a gospel that was not the gospel, God was compelled to give those people all those inventions to teach us that we have been teaching an inaccurate gospel, especially about prosperity. That gospel brought nothing but reproach at the end; God will not put His glory on what is not true.

It is usually a hard thing to warn people that when God has repeatedly warned people to repent and they refuse, the next stage will be the surprises and reproaches that God does not seek for any child of God. Some have had to stay on messages like this for years to avert such things. There is nothing that God will do outside of His Spirit: Jesus said: "It is finished". Those who gnashed their teeth and killed Stephen will be able to say, yes, they were pricked, but they didn't know, that was the reactions of a stronghold and a strongman to the convictions directly from God's Spirit. The world will listen, be convicted and converted when we take the first step, which is to turn again to the Lord. Then we shall all see that indeed, "THE KING'S heart is in the hand of the LORD, as rivers of water: He turneth it whithersoever He will." Those whom these messages are really for can call each other up; meet and reason together as it should be.

Joshua took a decision that became costly because he assumed and God said nothing; King David saw famine for three years and had forgotten how he used to ask God questions, and God kept quiet. God did not say anything until they inquired from God; this is the nature of God's Kingdom; it is important to seek Him. "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by the man whom He hath ordained: whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead." {Acts 17:30-31} And when Paul delivered what was committed to him to his elders at Jerusalem, Peter remembered how God destroyed his religion and theology at Cornelius' house by pouring His Spirit on uncircumcised and the not-yet-water-baptized Gentiles; the elders through James The Just declared, "Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: but that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood." {Acts 15:19-20} Proper adequate and truthful interpretation of the New Covenant is the gospel of Christ and His Kingdom. This is where the light and the salt will be found, the breaking of the seal and the harvest of our time. Christ the Rock is that foundation: we are His building of lively surrendered stones that delight to do His will, who are His Holy habitation that the world will see. There is no reproach in this building, it speaks and shouts "glory!"

There is going to be a major mark of this reformation; it will reveal the true body of Christ; no man will be able to put their hands on God's work or take any credit or glory for it, just as none of us can claim credit for the word of God in our Bibles or obeying God. It starts with entering into the New Covenant of full grace with full acknowledgment and understanding of this marriage; none of us will be half-married. "But all things that are reproved are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light." {Ephesians 5:13} This is our humility, to humble ourselves; "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." {2 Chronicles 7:14} This is to turn to the Lord.

Many will see resources they never thought existed: creativity and innovations that will truly impact this world will flow from Christ's body as it should have been, and the world will be saved because our focus has been delivered to see God's plan and eternity clearly; the mountain of the house of the lord is established in the top of the mountains and the light is seen; the Lord's house and building is taking the shape of Christ and looking exactly like Christ, with God's glory convicting and converting and transforming; all the body parts of Christ's body, joints and bones, and ligaments, hands and foot and all the five-fold ministry functioning without malfunctions or dysfunctions or lack; this is what God's word says.

Please search and see from Scripture; ask the Holy Spirit for guidance; this is deliverance from captivity for many. The first Church started on the day that the promised Promise was fulfilled {Acts 1:5, 2:1-3}: this made the Church a New Covenant Church: this is our new beginning and the new foundation. It is with this unveiling of this New Covenant and with our unveiled faces that we are able to gaze upon the glory of Him who delighted in God's will and surrendered that will unto death for our salvation and then changed into His image from glory to glory, Amen.

#### Blessing

NB: This message is given totally in love and with hope.

# #Hope 1/19/2017

"The LORD is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works." – PSALM 145:17

## AN ASSURANCE FOR FAITH

After several decades of Paul's walk with His Savior, he still longed to know Christ and the power of His resurrection; he had discovered, just as it was conveyed to Daniel the prophet that "Knowledge shall be increased" {Daniel 12:4}. And as we continue in our quests to know Him, we are more and more reassured that God indeed is righteous in all His ways and holy in all His works. From eternity, God has never once been unrighteous, even to Lucifer and all those who followed him into rebellion; He is righteous to every soul, whether we like them or not. God taught His people this lesson concerning avenging the Gibeonites against the family of King Saul who tried to destroy them {See account 2 Samuel 21:1-14}. This should assure anyone of us to have faith and stay faith-full.

The assurance of our faith gives us a powerful boost in our prayer life; this is why Jesus taught us to seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. God's enemy will hate you when he knows you know God is righteous even to the devil; when we alert people that we should be careful about what we think, say, or do to people, whether we like them or not, it is because of this. The prayer life of someone who has found the truth about God's righteousness and His righteous dealings with every creature, good or bad, is different from the person who believes because he is righteous by virtue of the new birth, God will support everything he says or does. This can turn a thirty minutes journey into a decade-long journey. But absolute surrender, the Cross, is our faith; sound faith is truth-full and child-like.

Peter exhorted; "And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:" {1 Peter 1:17} As we joyfully and truthfully seek God and love as He commanded, let's be assured that our faith will be counted as faith. A watchman knows that his/her will is useful to God when it is fully surrendered. "The meek will He guide in judgment: and the meek will He teach His way." {Psalm 25:9} Amen.

## Blessing

Sometime in the year 2010, Pastor Benny Hinn convened a special conference at London Excel centre he titled "FIRE CONFERENCE". He told us that God requested him to stop his healing crusades and to do this conference to prepare His people for what was ahead. He told us that God showed him that Christ's body has taken the message of love to the extreme. In his exact words, he said, "you cannot love the devil". He said he came to specially anoint us and to pray for us to receive the "Elisha Anointing", the double portion anointing. He said that this was the only anointing that can take out the Jezebel spirit that is holding the Church back, and that it was the time for the fullness.

He led us to take the Holy Communion and then he anointed us for the "Elisha Anointing" and prayed as God told to do. Needless to say that, that anointing service has attracted several "things". He is still alive; so anyone close by can ask him what was in that anointing. And if anyone thinks it is still "drama" see the book of Acts and indeed the whole Bible. The truth is that we are only just scratching the surface; he told us what would happen after that service, but it is doubtful if we thought anything about it. All we wanted was just to see him. This is just to share another little secret; thankfully, Pastor Benny Hinn is still alive; anyone with questions can ask him. The just shall live by faith, and it will all be about Christ and to His glory, Amen.

#Hope 1/21/2017

"Therefore say thou unto them, 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts; 'Turn ye unto Me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts." – ZECHARIAH 1:3

PEELING OFF THE LAYERS: THE SPIRIT OF THE FIRST CHURCH

Kingdom builders and followers of Christ may be likened to children who are so gullible enough to believe everything their daddy tells them; this may be why Jesus said it was a prerequisite for entering the Kingdom of God. They will hardly read two meanings to what God said in His word; "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." {James 1:7} Jesus was about to depart so that the Promise may be given; we see the old nature still lingering, but Jesus responded; "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou Me." {John 21:22} And after the Spirit was given, it remains "Follow thou Me".

Paul also continued this exhortation; "BE YE therefore followers of God, as dear children;" {Ephesians 5:1} To return to our roots and to follow Christ and return unto God, we will need to believe God and His word again, to mean what it says. The first Apostles and Disciples of Christ had only three and half years with Christ, most of them unlearned. Stephen and Philip and the rest of the crew waited for ten days and afterward turned the city and the world upside down. There were no layers of religion that did not receive the touch of God's fire; certainly, there were no institutions to hinder the spread of the word and God's Kingdom plan. Kingdom builders will know religion when they encounter it; it irritates the Spirit, causes friction and alienates the Spirit of grace and liberty. The Spirit of the first Church had no opinion; just the Kingdom of God and His righteousness; its focus was Christ and Him crucified. Whilst the purpose of the gospel is not to attack anyone, it remains

doubtful if the true gospel will not necessarily offend religion and everything it is against; it is a Rock of offense and a stumbling block to any opposition to God and the blood of Christ {See Isaiah 8:14}.

"And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the Synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace: for he mightily convinced the Jews and that publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was Christ." {Acts 18:24-28} This was the Spirit of the true Church of the Living God and the Spirit of the first Church; wherever we encounter any other spirit we should know it is not the same Holy Ghost that birthed the Church.

However, this Spirit could get one killed easily; it will anger any institution or establishment and will receive every sort of label. John Wycliffe had a strategy for that other spirit; He sent people out into the streets and byways to go preach the word "anyway." This Spirit of the First Church is making a comeback; it is the Spirit of Christ, the type that rested on Elisha when he made the most unusual and neverheard-of request; God did not deny Elisha because his mind was set on a pilgrimage, and just like Simon Peter, God broke through to him; his mind became childlike and thus, entered the Kingdom Age before its time and before any before him. The Spirit of Christ that was on Elisha does not expound on the gifting of Jezebel or any other spirit; it does not get into arguments or discussions on its prowess; it can see right through it; just like Jesus, once the order is given, beware of its leaven. Be ye followers of Christ, Amen.

Blessing

#Hope TRUMPET CALL 1/22/2017

"My tongue shall speak of thy word: all thy commandments are righteousness." – PSALM 119:172

## GOD'S HOLY VERSION

Whenever we seek solutions and seek God for them, as long as our posture is to genuinely seek God, we will arrive at that destination of "Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven." God's simplistic solution of seeking first His Kingdom and all His righteousness is perhaps one of the most misunderstood phenomena on earth. There is not an iota of wickedness in righteousness; not an

ounce of ignorance or malice, injustices and hostilities or hatred or bitterness or prejudice or self-promotion or any negative invention. The issue really is that humans are trying to define or redefine righteousness to God and expect God to accept it, and when it does not work, we try harder instead of repenting. We are given power to mind our words and actions: this is love. Righteousness is a gift but God's will is to seek it and to understanding it; to seek it as we seek university degrees or the recipe for a delicious meal or anything good.

We can investigate for ourselves what God means by righteousness; not only will it bring salvation to us and to many, we would have done obedience to God. "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous." {1 John 3:7} As simple as it sounds, this is the issue confronting our time; many are confused about what righteousness means. This is God's call to all His people; this is the only common ground we have in our generation. "Clouds and darkness are round about Him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne." {Psalm 97:2} Amen.

Blessing