*January 13, 2019 / Twenty-One Days of Fasting*

**“The Ancient Paths…”**

***Jeremiah 6:16 / Isaiah 58***

In **2014**…**We must make the of Christ our CORE Competency.**

In **2015**… **We must make the GLORIFICATION of Christ our Highest .**

In **2016**…**We must make the Gospel of the MINISTRY of Christ our Sacred .**

In **2017**…**We need the WITNESS of The Spirit of Christ and the of His Grace.**

In **2018**…**We exist to do the of Christ; in the LOVE of Christ; for the GLORY of Christ; by the of Christ!**

***Romans 1:16 NKJV -*** *For I am not ashamed of the* ***gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone*** *who believes...*

Pastor’s Letter: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 10:7-8; Matthew 17:20-21

* **In 2019…We must God and People!**

***Jeremiah 6:16 NIV -*** *This is what the****Lord****says: “****Stand at the crossroads*** *and* ***look****;* ***ask******for the ancient paths****,* ***ask*** *where* ***the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest*** *for your souls.*

***Jeremiah 6:16 VOICE -*** *Eternal One (to the people)****: Stand at the crossing****, and* ***consider the ancient path****, for it is* ***good and it leads to Me****.* ***Walk*** *on this path, and you will* ***find rest*** *for your souls.*

***Jeremiah 6:16 MESSAGE -*** *God’s Message yet again: “****Go stand at the crossroads*** *and* ***look*** *around.* ***Ask*** *for* ***directions*** *to the old road,* ***The tried-and-true road****. Then* ***take*** *it.* ***Discover the right route for your souls****.*

***Isaiah 58:1-14 NIV84 -*** *“****Shout it aloud, do not hold back****.* ***Raise your voice*** *like a trumpet.* ***Declare*** *to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sins.* ***2****For day after day they seek me out;****they seem eager*** *to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God.* ***They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them****.* ***3****‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and you have not seen it? Why have we humbled ourselves, and you have not noticed?’ “****Yet on the day of your fasting, you do as you please*** *and* ***exploit*** *all your workers.* ***4Your fasting*** *ends in* ***quarreling*** *and* ***strife****, and in* ***striking*** *each other with wicked fists. You cannot fast as you do today and expect your voice to be heard on high.* ***5****Is this* ***the kind of fast I have chosen,*** *only a day for a man to humble himself? Is it only for bowing one’s head like a reed and for lying in sackcloth and ashes? Is that what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?* ***6****“Is not this* ***the kind of fasting I have chosen:*** *to* ***loose the chains of injustice*** *and* ***untie the cords of the yoke****, to* ***set the oppressed free*** *and* ***break every yoke? 7****Is it not to* ***share your food with the hungry*** *and to* ***provide the poor wanderer with shelter****—when you see the naked, to* ***clothe*** *him, and* ***not to turn away from your own flesh and blood****?* ***8Then*** *your* ***light will break forth like the dawn****, and your* ***healing will quickly appear****; then your* ***righteousness will go before you****, and the* ***glory of the Lord will be your rear guard****.* ***9Then*** *you will* ***call****, and* ***the Lord will answer****; you will* ***cry*** *for help, and he will say:* ***Here am I****. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with* ***the pointing finger and malicious talk****,* ***10****and if you* ***spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry*** *and* ***satisfy the needs of the oppressed****,* ***then******your light will rise in the darkness****, and* ***your night will become like the noonday****.* ***11****The****Lord will guide you always****;* ***he will satisfy your needs****in a sun-scorched land and will* ***strengthen your frame****. You will be like* ***a well-watered garden****, like* ***a spring whose waters never fail****.* ***12Your people*** *will* ***rebuild*** *the* ***ancient ruins*** *and will* ***raise up the age-old foundations****; you will be* ***called******Repairer of Broken Walls****,* ***Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.******13****“If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and* ***the Lord’s holy day honorable****, and if you honor it by* ***not going your own way****and* ***not doing as you please or speaking idle words****,* ***14then*** *you will* ***find your joy in the Lord****, and* ***I will cause you to ride [in triumph {NIV}] on the heights of the land*** *and to* ***feast on the inheritance*** *of your father Jacob.” The mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

* **The FASTING the Lord requires of us GOD, and it PEOPLE (Is. 58:6-9).**
1. **and .**
* ***Jeremiah 6:16 / Isaiah 58:8-11 / Isaiah 40:21-31***

***Psalm 34:3 NKJV -******Oh, magnify the Lord****with me,
And* ***let us exalt His name*** *together.*

***John 10:10 TPT -*** *A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy.* ***But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow!***

***Isaiah 6:1 NIV - In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord*** *seated on a* ***throne****,* ***high*** *and* ***exalted****, and the* ***train*** *of his robe* ***filled the temple****.*

***Psalm 121:1-2 NIV - I lift up my eyes*** *to the mountains—****where does my help come from? 2My help comes from the Lord****, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

***Hebrews 13:8 KJV2000 - Jesus Christ the same*** *yesterday, and today, and forever!*

***Psalm 46:10 NIV -*** *“****Be still, and know that I am God****; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”*

***Psalm 46:10 VOICE -*** *“****Be still, be calm, see, and understand I am the True God****. I am honored among all the nations. I am honored over all the earth.”*

***Revelation 22:17 VOICE -*** *And let* ***everyone*** *who hears these words say, “Come.” And let those who thirst come.* ***All who desire to drink****, let them take and drink freely from the water of life.*

***Psalm 34:8 NLT -*** *Taste and* ***see*** *that* ***the Lord is good****…*

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