*July 9, 2017: Ministry With Christ / 2017 Theme / Hawaiian Shirt Sunday*

**“…I AM SENDING YOU”**

***John 20:19-22***

In **2014**… **We must make the LOVE 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 FLOW of His Grace.**

**We exist to do the MINISTRY of Christ; in the LOVE of Christ; for the GLORY of Christ; by the POWER of Christ!**

***Acts 1:8 NIV - “****But* ***you will receive power*** *when the* ***Holy Spirit*** *comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

***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...*

***John 20:19-22 NIV78 -*** *On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with* ***the doors locked for fear*** *of the Jews,* ***Jesus came and stood******among them*** *and said, “****Peace*** *be with you!”* ***20****After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were* ***overjoyed*** *when they saw the Lord.* ***21Again*** *Jesus said, “****Peace*** *be with you!* ***As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.****”* ***22****And with that* ***he breathed on them*** *and* ***said****, “****Receive the Holy Spirit****.”*

1. **Legitimated By His RESURRECTION.**
* ***John 20:19-20 / 1 Corinthians 15:2-4***
1. **Motivated By His .**
* ***John 20:19 / John 3:16***
1. INCARNATIONAL (John 1:14; 15:19)
2. RELATIONAL (1 John 1:3-4)
3. TRANSFORMATIONAL (John 13:34-35)
4. **Captivated By His .**
* ***John 20:19 / Heb. 13:8 / John 14:1-3 / 1 Peter 5:7 / Col. 3:15***

Jesus LIVES + Jesus LOVES = Our PEACE!

***Romans 14:17 VOICE -*** *…The* ***kingdom of God*** *is not about eating and drinking.* ***When God reigns****, the order of the day is* ***redeeming justice****,* ***true peace****, and* ***joy*** *made possible by the Holy Spirit.*

God’s WILL + God’s WAY = We’ll Be OKAY!

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* ***Isaiah 9:6 / John 14:27 / Romans 8:6 / Eph. 2:14 / Isaiah 32:17***

***Phil. 4:6-7 -*** *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the* ***peace of God, which surpasses all understanding****, will* ***guard*** *your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

***Romans 8:6 VOICE -*** *A* ***mind******focused*** *on the* ***flesh*** *is doomed to death, but* ***a mind focused on the Spirit*** *will find* ***full life*** *and* ***complete peace****.*

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* ***Romans 15:13 / Matthew 5:9 NIV /******Hebrews 12:14 /******Romans 12:18 /******Ephesians 4:2 / 1 Peter 3:8-9 /******2 Timothy 2:24***

***2 Corinthians 5:18-19 NIV*** *- All this is from* ***God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:*** *19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And* ***he has committed to us the message of reconciliation****.*

***Romans 14:19 VOICE -******Join us****, and* ***pursue*** *a life that* ***creates peace*** *and* ***builds up*** *our brothers and sisters.*

***Romans 14:19 AMP -*** *So then, let us* ***pursue [with enthusiasm] the things which make for peace*** *and the* ***building up of one another*** *[things which lead to spiritual growth].*

***Romans 10:15 NKJV -*** *And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who* ***preach the gospel of peace****, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”*

Reconciliation within the precedes Reconciliation within the .

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INHERITANCE is what We . RESPONSIBILITY is what We .

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***James 3:18 NIV*** *-* ***Peacemakers*** *who* ***sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness****.*

***Luke 6:35 NIV -*** *But* ***love your enemies****,* ***do good*** *to them, and* ***lend*** *to them without expecting to get anything back.* ***Then your reward will be great****, and you will be* ***sons of the Most High****, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.*

***Ephesians 2:14 NIV –*** *For* ***He Himself is our Peace…***

***Ephesians 2:14 VOICE - He is the embodiment of our peace****,* ***sent*** *once and for all* ***to take down the great barrier of hatred and hostility that has divided us so that we can be one.***

***Matthew 5:9 AMPC - Blessed*** *(enjoying enviable happiness, spiritually prosperous—with life-joy and satisfaction in God’s favor and salvation, regardless of their outward conditions) are the* ***makers and maintainers of peace****, for* ***they shall be called the sons of God!***

1. **Empowered By His .**
* ***John 20:21-22***