*July 30, 2017: Ministry With Christ / 2017 Theme*

**“…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 of Christ our Highest PRIORITY.**

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

In **2017**… **We need the WITNESS of The Spirit of Christ and the 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!

1. INHERITANCE
* ***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.*

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* ***Rm. 15:13; 12:18 /******Eph. 4:2 / 1 Peter 3:8-9 /******2 Timothy 2:24***

***Matthew 5:9 NIV - Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.***

***Matthew 14:22-23 MESSAGE -*** *As soon as the meal was finished, he insisted that the disciples get in the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he dismissed the people. With the crowd dispersed,****he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray.******He stayed there alone****, late into the night."*

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***Hebrews 12:14 NIV -******Make every effort*** *to* ***live in peace*** *with* ***everyone*** *and* ***to be holy****;* ***without holiness no one will see the Lord.***

***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.***

***Matt. 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***