*September 4, 2016: The Ministry of Christ / 2016 Theme / Communion Sunday*

**“As The Father Has Sent Me…”**

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

* **We must make the of Christ our CORE Competency.**
* **We must make the GLORIFICATION of Christ our Highest PRIORITY.**
* **We must make the Gospel of the MINISTRY of Christ our Sacred .**

***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…*

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

***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 Corinthians 6:19-20 WNT -*** *And* ***you are not your own****, 20 for* ***you have been redeemed at infinite cost****.* ***Therefore******glorify God in your bodies****.*

1. **Legitimated By His RESURRECTION.**

* ***John 20:19-20 / 1 Cor. 15:2-4 / Jn. 14:6 / Jn. 11:25***

1. **Motivated By His .**

* ***John 20:19-20 / John 3:16***

1. INCARNATIONAL

* ***John 14:18 / John 1:14 / Ephesians 3:19 / Romans 8:38-39***

***John 15:19–*** *“****As*** *the* ***Father has loved me****,* ***so*** *have* ***I loved you****…”*

1. RELATIONAL

* ***Mark 3:14 / 1 John 1:3-4***

***John 13:34-35 NLT –*** *“So now I am giving* ***you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you,*** *you should love each other.* ***35Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”***



* ***John 15:12-15 / Jeremiah 31:33-34 / 1 Corinthians 12:31 / Revelation 12:10-11***

***Ephesians 5:1-2 MESSAGE - Watch what God does, and then you do it****, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents.* ***2 Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn’t love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.***

1 John 4:19 - We love because he first loved us.

***Philippians 1:9-10 NLT*** *- I pray that* ***your love will overflow*** *more and more, and that you will* ***keep on growing*** *in* ***knowledge*** *and understanding.* ***10*** *For* ***I want you to understand what really matters****, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return.*

***1 Peter 4:8 NLT - Most important of all****, continue to show* ***deep love for each other****, for* ***love covers a multitude of sins.***

***Ephesians 3:17-19 MESSAGE*** *- And* ***I ask him*** *that with* ***both feet planted firmly on love****, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus* ***the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love****.* ***Reach out and experience*** *the breadth! Test its length!* ***Plumb the depths****! Rise to the heights!* ***Live full lives, full in the fullness of God!***

1. **Captivated By His .**

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***Hebrews 13:8 AMP******-*** *Jesus Christ (the Messiah) is [always] the same, yesterday, today, [yes]* ***and forever (to the ages).***

***John 14:1-3 NKJV -*** *“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you****, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also****.”*

***1 Peter 5:7 AMP - Casting the whole of your care*** *[all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all]* ***on Him****, for* ***He cares for you affectionately*** *and* ***cares about you watchfully.***

***Isaiah 9:6 NKJV -*** *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,* ***Prince of Peace****.*

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



* ***Isaiah 53:5 / John 14:27 / Ephesians 2:14 / Isaiah 26:3 / Philippians 4:6-7 / Isaiah 32:17***



* ***Matthew 5:9 / 1 Peter 3:8-9 / 2 Timothy 2:24 / 2 Corinthians 5:18-10 / Romans 10:15 /***



* ***James 3:18 / Luke 6:35 / Ephesians 2:14 / Matthew 5:9***