***January 10, 2016: New Year’s Theme / Ministry of Christ***

**“As…”**

**John 20:19-22**

* **In 2014, We must make the of Christ our CORE Competency.**
* **In 2015, We must make the of Christ our Highest .**
* **In 2016, We must make the Gospel of the 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 of Christ; in the of Christ; for the 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****.”*

***John 20:21 VOICE –*** *“I give you* ***the gift of peace****. In the* ***same way*** *the* ***Father sent Me****,* ***I am now sending you****.”*

1. **Legitimated By His .**

***John 20:19-20 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.*

***Acts 2:24, 32-33 NIV*** *– “****But God raised him from the dead****, freeing him from the agony of death, because* ***it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him****…* ***32*** *God has* ***raised this Jesus to life****, and* ***we are all witnesses*** *of the fact.* ***33******Exalted*** *to the right hand of God…”*

***1 Corinthians 15:1-5 NIV -*** *Now, brothers and sisters,* ***I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you****, which you received and on which* ***you have taken your stand****.* ***2By this gospel you are saved****, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.* ***3****For what I received I passed on to you as of* ***first importance****: that* ***Christ died for our sins*** *according to the Scriptures,* ***4****that he was* ***buried****, that* ***he was raised on the third day*** *according to the Scriptures,* ***5****and that he* ***appeared*** *to Cephas, and* ***then to the Twelve****.*

***John 14:6 AMP -*** *Jesus said to him, “****I am the [only] Way*** *[to God] and the [real]* ***Truth*** *and the [real]* ***Life****;* ***no one comes to the Father but through Me.***

***Acts 4:10-12 NLT -*** *Let me clearly state to all of you… that he was* ***healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene****, the man* ***you crucified*** *but whom* ***God raised from the dead****.* ***11****For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, ‘The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.’* ***12There is salvation in no one else!*** *God has given* ***no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.”***

***1 Corinthians 15:14-20 NLT -*** *And* ***if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless.******15****And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can’t be true if there is no resurrection of the dead.* ***16****And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised.* ***17****And* ***if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins****.* ***18****In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost!* ***19****And* ***if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world****.* ***20****But* ***in fact****,* ***Christ has been raised from the dead****.* ***He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.***

***Romans 1:3-4 AMP -*** *[The good news] regarding* ***His Son****, who, as to the flesh [His human nature], was born a descendant of David [to fulfill the covenant promises],* ***4****and [as to His divine nature] according to the* ***Spirit*** *of holiness was* ***openly designated to be the Son of God with power [in a triumphant and miraculous way] by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.***

***John 11:25-26 NIV*** *– “…****I am the resurrection and the life****. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; 26 and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.* ***Do you believe this****?”*

***Revelation 1:17-18 KJV -*** *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And* ***he laid his right hand upon me****, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that* ***liveth****, and was dead; and, behold, I am* ***alive*** *for evermore, Amen; and have the* ***keys of hell and of death.***

***Philippians 3:10-11 NKJV - …****That I may know* ***Him*** *and* ***the power of His resurrection****, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,* ***11****if, by any means,* ***I may attain to the resurrection from the dead****.*

***John 14:19 AMP –*** *“…Because I live, you will live also.”*

1. **Motivated By His .**

***John 20:19 NIV78 -*** *…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!”*

***John 3:16 KJV -*** *For* ***God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son****, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*

* ***Jeremiah 31:3 / Romans 8:37-39 / 1 Corinthians 12:31 / Ephesians 5:1-2 / 1 John 4:19 / Philippians 1:9-10 / 1 John 3:1***

1. **Captivated By His .**

* ***John 20:19, 21 / Hebrews 13:8 /******John 14:1-3 /******1 Peter 5:7 /******Isaiah 9:6***