***March 13, 2016: New Year’s Theme / The Ministry of Christ / Family Room Dedication Ceremony***

**“As The Father Has Sent Me…”**

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

***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 –*** *“…In the* ***same way*** *the* ***Father sent Me****,* ***I am now sending you****.”*

1. **Legitimated By His RESURRECTION.**

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

***1 Corinthians 15:2-4 NIV - By this gospel you are saved****…* ***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…*

***John 14:6 AMP -*** *Jesus said… “****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 4:12 NLT - There is salvation in no one else!*** *God has given* ***no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.***

***John 11:25 NIV*** *– “…****I am the resurrection and the life****…”*

1. **Motivated By His .**

* ***John 20:19***

***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.*

***Mark 10:13-16 NIV -*** *People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.* ***14****When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.* ***15****Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”* ***16****And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.*

1. Love

***Mark 10:13-16 NIV -*** *People were bringing little children* ***to*** *Jesus…*

***Mark 10:13 NLT*** *- One day* ***some parents brought their children to Jesus****...*

***Psalm 127:3 NLT*** *- Children* ***are a gift from the Lord****; they are* ***a reward*** *from him.*

***1 John 3:1 -*** *How great is* ***the love the Father has lavished on us…***

***Proverbs 22:6 KJV - Train up a child*** *in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.*

***Malachi 4:6 NIV84 - He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers;******or else******I will come and strike the land with a curse.***

1. Love

***Mark 10:13-14 NLT*** *- One day* ***some parents brought their children to Jesus*** *so he could touch and bless them.* ***But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him****. 14 When* ***Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples.*** *He said to them, “Let the children come to me.* ***Don’t stop them!*** *For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.”*

***Psalm 78:4-7 NLT*** *- We will* ***not hide these truths from our children****; we will* ***tell the next generation*** *about the* ***glorious******deeds*** *of the* ***Lord****, about his* ***power*** *and his* ***mighty******wonders****. 5 For* ***he issued his laws*** *to* ***Jacob****; he gave* ***his instructions*** *to* ***Israel****. He* ***commanded our ancestors to teach them to their children*** *6 so the* ***next generation******might******know*** *them— even the* ***children not yet born****—and they in turn will* ***teach their own children****. 7 So* ***each generation should set its hope anew on God****,* ***not forgetting*** *his glorious miracles and* ***obeying******his******commands****.*

***Mark 10:14 AMP*** *- But* ***when Jesus saw [it], He was indignant and pained*** *and said to them,* ***Allow*** *the* ***children to come to Me****--****do not forbid or prevent or hinder them****--for to such* ***belongs the kingdom of God****. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not* ***receive*** *and* ***accept*** *and* ***welcome*** *the* ***kingdom*** *of God* ***like a little child*** *[does] positively shall not enter it at all.*

***Mark 10:14 AMP*** *- …****Allow*** *the* ***children to come to Me…***

***Mark 10:14 NIV*** *- …****Let*** *the little* ***children…***

***Mark 10:14 KJV*** *- …****Suffer*** *the little* ***children…***

***Mark 10:14 AMP*** *- …****Do not forbid or prevent or hinder them****…*

***Mark 10:14 NLT*** *- …****Do not stop them!***

***Mark 10:13-14 MESSAGE*** *- The* ***people brought children to Jesus****, hoping he might touch them. The* ***disciples shooed them off****. But* ***Jesus was irate and let them know it****:* ***"Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me…****”*

***Mark 9:42 NCV -*** *“If one of these* ***little children believes*** *in me, and* ***someone causes that child to sin****, it would be* ***better for that person to have a large stone tied around his neck and be drowned in the sea****.”*

1. Love

***Mark 10:16 AMP*** *- And* ***He took them [the children up one by one] in His arms and [fervently invoked a] blessing, placing His hands upon them****.*

***Mark 10:16 VOICE - Jesus gathered the children*** *in* ***His arms****, and* ***He laid His hands on them to bless them****.*

***Mark 10:14 NLT*** *- …* ***Jesus saw what was happening…***

***Ezekiel 16:4-6 NIV -*** *On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths.* ***No one looked on you with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for you****. Rather,* ***you were thrown out*** *into the open field, for on the day you were born you were despised.* ***Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, 'Live!'***

***Hebrews 13:5 NIV78 - ...Never will I leave you; Never will I forsake you.***

***1 John 3:1 NIV84 –*** *How* ***great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God! And that is what we are…!***

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