



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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WALK AND LIVE IN JESUS CHRIST

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). God's love is for everyone and He wants us to enjoy Him in CHRIST Jesus and to be disciplined, taught and instructed by the Holy Spirit to know JESUS CHRIST, the eternal Son of God.

Because of His grace, mercy and loving kindness to us, He has given us the gift of salvation in Christ Jesus to be bold and strong in JESUS and in His mighty power to pull down strongholds against the rulers, authorities and the powers of this dark world - for the battle is the Lord's.

Love in the absence of godly instruction will not produce children with self-discipline, self-control and respect for fellow human beings. Such love will produce misfits in society and we have communities of misfits everywhere in Australia due to their spiritual ignorance, disobedience and a lack of holy fear of God's Word. Love is not always giving others what they want. But Godly love is doing for others what is best for them.

William Ward was right when he said; "Each of us will one day be judged by our standard of life, not by our standard of living; by our measure of giving, not by our measure of wealth; by our simple goodness, not by our seeming greatness."

In John 16:13-15, before His death and resurrection, Jesus made a promise to Christians. This promise effectively removes our excuses and makes us responsible - "When He, the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; He will speak only what He hears and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking what is Mine and making it known to you."

What a blessed and dynamic promise to all Christians who walk and live in JESUS CHRIST! First and foremost, the Holy Spirit is Himself a witness. He is first a witness to JESUS. It is the Holy Spirit who points us to JESUS and who reveals the meaning of the life, death and resurrection of JESUS to us. As born again believers, our assurance and confidence is that the Holy Spirit is also a witness within us to sanctify us as we yield to Him and not to our flesh, which is enmity to God, for no flesh glorifies God.

How are we going to bring this covenant promise to lasting fulfilment for ourselves, our families and our nation of Australia? In Psalm 25:14, we are told "The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him"; and He will show them His covenant. It is God's motive for creation and the purpose in redemption, the very focus of His heart and a treasure reserved in the hearts of true believers who fear Him. As Proverbs 2:5 says; "Fear the Lord, and you will gain knowledge of God."

Intimacy is a two-way relationship. We cannot begin to know God in Christ on intimate terms until the fear of the Lord is firmly planted in our hearts. If Australians do not fear God in Christ, we are only climbing the rungs of the deceptive religious ladder. This is the very characteristic of Baal worship with its particular relevance to our national culture which is leading us down the same path of spiritual and moral deterioration that brought down Israel 3000 years ago. Baal worshippers held the environment in high esteem and considered Baal as the one who controlled the environment. Baal worship encouraged and promoted rampant sexual immorality, particularly homosexuality as a normal and natural alternative lifestyle. Indeed, to be allowed to do as we wish is God's punishment!

The "flesh" is the most powerful force to be reckoned within our Christian living. The New Bible Dictionary defines the flesh as "The whole personality of man (including women) as organised in the wrong direction, as directed to earthly pursuits rather than the service to God." How true this is of our old sinful nature displaying ways that are contrary to God's will for our lives. We read in Galatians 5:19-21; "The acts of the sinful nature (flesh) are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity.....idolatry...witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like." Paul warns us as he did in his other letters of the New Testament, that those who partake of these acts will not inherit the Kingdom of God. No man or woman has yet been born again who did not need to be set free by JESUS CHRIST, whether it be from habits, thoughts, deeds or demons - certainly from the thralldom and power of sin. Jesus came in the liberating power of the Kingdom of God. He received authority and power from the Father and He passes them to obedient Christians through the Holy Spirit.

Before a person is born again, it is the power of the flesh which rules. It is through this channel that satan finds such a hold on our lives. Paul warns us of the power of the flesh which dominates the mind, responding to all external appeals.

The mind of sinful man brings death. It is hostile to God and does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by sinful nature (flesh) cannot please God. However, the mind controlled by the Holy Spirit brings life, peace and joy. Only Jesus Christ, the Truth, can set the captives free through the process of spiritual sanctification.

Australia, it is time we changed our attitudes and listen to what God is saying through JESUS CHRIST. Today the Spirit is crying out to the church: Prepare the way for our Lord JESUS' glorious return by making His people ready for His glory! As God restores His glory, let us be wise and ready to properly respect and honour the greatness of God's glory - "for whatever things were written before were written for our learning" (Romans 15:4).

God's glory is for everyone who obediently walks in JESUS CHRIST. Our pursuit is to gain the knowledge of the Lord. Today we live on the threshold of the final season before our LORD JESUS CHRIST's glorious return as King of kings and Lord of lords of this universe!

God is reviving and restoring His glory to His Temple. His restored glory will arise on those who have prepared their hearts for Him. His glory will also fall upon all the nations of the world. No city will be unaffected by the outpouring of His Holy Spirit.

So Australia - prepare to receive God's glory.

Our Prayer

Sovereign Lord, we thank You for being our Father in Heaven. We love You with all our hearts as we join Your appointed leaders in a mighty spiritual army to march across Your land of Australia in all humility to praise You. We seek and receive Your forgiveness and the forgiveness of one another for attitudes of racial, traditional and cultural bigotry which grieves Your Heart. Father, we worship You and thank You for sending us Your Truth, JESUS CHRIST, to deliver us from the powers of darkness. Thank You for transforming us into Your spiritual Kingdom of Light led by our LORD JESUS empowered by Your Holy Spirit to stand up for You in righteousness and justice to fight against the evil rulers of this invisible spirit world - satanic beings embracing evil and wickedness, hence allowing evil to rise in our nation!

As children of Your Kingdom, we take courage in Your Spirit. Everywhere in JESUS' name, we speak to the powers and principalities of the air who work in the children of pride, unbelief, disobedience, divisions, corruption, greed, injustice, oppression, immorality, lawlessness and death. By the Holy Spirit, satan, we command you in the triumphant and majestic Name of JESUS CHRIST, to release every person God has ordained to be saved over your lying spirits of occultism, witchcraft, idolatry, false religions and traditions in our land. LORD JESUS, expose them with Your Truth and free those who are entangled in the lie.

LORD JESUS, You are the Truth, You are the Spirit above all spirits that exist, King above all kings and Lord above all lords in heaven and on earth. Holy Spirit, fill us with more love for JESUS and help us take the Gospel to the whole world before our Lord's glorious return. In JESUS' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

C.O.P.I.I. - led by our LORD JESUS CHRIST in the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT to glorify the FATHERHOOD OF GOD with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father, in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory.