Brothers and Sisters

This message is not a teaching because I'm not a teacher, I'm not doing verse by verse or preaching on a topic so it's not a study. I did not sit with commentaries open and neither did I have a Bible open. I did search for verses online when they came to my mind and I did use Copy and Paste.

What I am saying is these are literally just my thoughts on the body of Christ and God's perfect plan and hopefully inspired completely by God, said from the heart with the intention of being corrected and discussed so we all can learn and grow together.

I tried to make this message flow the best that I can, but because this is not a study neither a topic, but my thoughts hashed together, if it does not flow at times - please bare with me.

- 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;
- 15 and consider that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation --- as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to bim, has written to you,
- 16 as also in all bis epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.
- 17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked;
- 18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

1 Samuel 12:21

21 And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing.

The great Samuel warned Israel

Peter said:
2 Peter 3:18
18 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

As God's children, we all have the Holy Spirit, we just need to ask and listen... and respond.

What did Jesus say? Luke 8:21

21 But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."

We might not all hear the word the same way.

Mathew 6:22-23

22"The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

And Jesus is the Light, so if I look you in the eye I should see Jesus in you.

1 Samuel 3:10

10 "Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, "Samueli Samueli" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears."

The Lord is always near and calling us and He waits for us to invite Him in, to commune with Him.

Mathew 23:36-40

Whatever God asks of us, we can rest assured the Lord only want's what is good for us and it is good for us to follow His greatest commandment which is to Love, and everything else should come about naturally:

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?"
37 Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.'
38 This is the first and great commandment.
39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

If we are the imitation of Christ then then we should love our neighbour. This includes our Brothers and Sisters.

- 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:
- 35 for I was bungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in;
- 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'
- 37 "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You bungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink?
- 38 When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You?

39 Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' 40 And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' "We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the Lord fulfil all thy petitions."

Banners of Christ - we should raise up our banners in the name of Jesus! In unity as if one Banner. And the Lord will always answer our petitions, when we ask according to His will.

God said he will write His 'New Covenant' on the tables of our hearts and that is how we become His Banners

We are the bride of Christ, that means we are to be in Christ and Christ in us, we are one with Christ and so we are to reign with Christ.

Revelation 1:4-6

- 4 John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,
- 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
- 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

And so we are made to be like kings ruling with and for this great King of kings.

We will reign higher than the Angels, and judge them. We might even judge the Cherubim.

1 Cor 1:18

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Luke 6:46

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

2 Cor 5:9

"Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

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Christ in us is what makes us pleasing to the Lord.

Math 25:20

Then I read this "The parable of the tallents" (only a snippet shown)

"So be who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' 21 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'"

God has entrusted all of us with His word and given us His Spirit for the task of giving His Gospel to the unbelieving world. This is the most valuable thing I can - and we can do.

Revelation 1:14, 2:8, 19:12

1:14 "His bead and bair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire"
2:8 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

These might be the only detailed description in the Bible of someone's eyes and it's those of our Lord. 1 Samuel 16:12

So be sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!"

King Davids eyes are also described but not in so much detail simply referring to them as having a "beautiful countenance". But this means that David had goodly eyes and were at that time without planks, so the Light was shining brightly within Him.

1 Samuel 16:7

But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the beight of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.

When we face the Lord we might not want to look into His glorious eyes, that might appear to us as fire. We might want to shrink and hide away (in shame) - However the Love of God will not look away. 1 Cor 13:2

"And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

Satan is nothing and he wants us to be nothing. He wants to hinder our faith and disrupt the functioning of the body of Christ and halt the love.

FINAL MESSAGE

Because of the precious blood of Jesus we will not be destroyed and we can be the mighty ones of God if we do not turn aside. We have all heard the same truth and responded to Christ. We share in the same salvation. We are brothers and sisters with the same father as Jesus and Jesus loves us. Jesus bleeds for us, He died for us and washed us in His own blood for eternity.

As Brothers and Sisters we have made our choice and we are saved. But what about those going to Hell, the unsaved? May each of us find God's wisdom and identify our gifts and use our gifts and grow each others gifts whilst functioning together as the body of Christ. To be a Light reaching the unsaved.

A couple of weeks ago I said something and I want to say it again: "To seek riches on this earth is foolish but we should focus on the riches of Heaven which is God. By focusing on Him with all our mind, all our soul and all our heart. Us in Him and Him in us."

And what does God want?" To save all of us. He wants a relationship with us.

"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."