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THE HOPE-WORTHY ANNOUNCEMENT

Shalom, precious ones of God's loved town Abeyee. We greet you; good morning to all of you listening to us. I am God's messenger; Bro. Solomon Kwesi Ackon, the pastor of faith temple-the Baptist church in Abeyee. With me are brethren from the family supporting this broadcast.

You are warmly welcome all who are listening. We thank God for such an opportunity in such a time as this to serve you with the undiluted word of God. I hope you are attentive wherever you are to receive it. Today and as would be every Sunday on this media, we bring to you the **"message of the cross broadcast"**.

In pursuance of the church's 2020 theme: *laboring to enter into God's rest*, we began studies though without some of you, from the concept of rest and God's kingdom rest definition, the appearance-the parables of Matthew 13, reality-the beatitudes of Matthew 5,6,&7, and manifestation-end times, final judgment of the kingdom of heaven. And we have begun a new sub-theme on *heaven and its attributes*-heavenly Jerusalem and a kingdom, our father's house and a paradise, Eternal kingdom and inheritance, A better country, Heaven; are you worthy of it?

Last week's lesson highlighted on the truth from Revelation 22:1-7, 10-17, 20 which presented to us the deeper understanding of the description of heaven and God's plan for making us ready partakers.

We also learnt, among other things, the headline warning by Christ **"Yes, I am coming quickly"** in Revelation 22:20 and **His coming mission that** *"My reward is with Me to repay each person according to what he has done"* in Revelation 22:12 all to examine ourselves by asking that **"ARE MY READY WHEN THE LORD SHALL COME"?**

Today, we will begin another sub-theme in continuance of the church's broad theme. We will for this week and the next, explore studies in the book of 1 Corinthians on the theme **"THE MYSTERY; WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED"**! In the light of this, we will receive a message of the title, **THE HOPE-WORTHY ANNOUNCEMENT** which will mark the part one (1) of the above focal theme. We'll take our focal texts from **1 Corinthians 15:12-34; 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; 2 Peter 1:13-14; & Philippians 3:12-21.**

Have you ever found a treasure that you never thought to have been in your belongings before? Am sure it marveled you and when you found it, it was a mystery how it got into your things. Similarly, have you ever in a way, thought of whether we shall go to heaven with this earthly body or not? We must understand that it is a mystery (a hidden info) indeed to discover in the word of God that "...We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality" 1 Corinthians 15:51-53 (ESV). Today, God wants you to have even a deeper understanding of the mystery about the resurrection body that fit heaven. Let us now read our focal texts:

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (ESV)

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.² For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,³ if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.⁴ For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.⁵ He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶ So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

1 Corinthians 15:12-22,30-34 (ESV)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain.¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished.¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.²⁹ Otherwise, what do people mean by being baptized on behalf of the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why are people baptized on their behalf?³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour?³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day!³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow

we die.”³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

Philippians 3:20-21 (ESV)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

2 Peter 1:13-14 (ESV)

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,¹⁴ since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.

God’s precious one, in the focal text read, we will understand that God has prepared for us an eternal home, Heaven and that we will all be changed before we enter into it. We have already learnt about heaven and its description and so we will take these verses in turns to discuss them in order to understand it.

Will we be changed? Yes indeed we will and the word of God explains to us in the first text that we who have believed in the Lord Jesus “*know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens*” 2 Corinthians 5:1 .and in 1 Corinthians 15:51-53, it is affirmed that “*...We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality*”. We will also learn that “*He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee*” 2 Cor. 5:5. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians gave the believer’s reaction to this mystery that “*we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,⁷ for we walk by faith, not by sight.*⁸ Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.⁹ So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him” 2 Cor. 5:6-9. On the contrary, in his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul answers some of mind bothering questions believers and others (unbelievers) have regarding whether when we die we will be raised. But we learn from the reading that Paul by the spirit of God answered that “*Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?*¹³ But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.¹⁴ And if Christ

has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ *We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.* ¹⁶ *For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised.* ¹⁷ *And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.* ¹⁸ *Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished”* 1 Cor.15:12-17. In this text, we also find that not only God and Christ are misrepresented if we follow this false belief but also even us the Christian for ¹⁹ *If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.* ²⁰ *But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.* ²¹ *For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.* ²² *For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive”* 1 Cor.15:19-22. Paul continued by citing his hopes in his struggle of some of his missionary journey counting that ³² *What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die”* 1 Cor.15:32. He also added that such belief that there is no resurrection and hence Christians have no hope is false and cautions that ³³ *Do not be deceived”* 1 Cor.15:33.

In our reading we can also learn that scripture affirms the hopeful mystery of our change as we read in Philippians 3:20-21 that *“But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,* ²¹ *who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself”*. Therefore, we as believers are right so as anyone who wants to join the winning side in our decision to follow Jesus just as the Apostle Peter in his hopes hath said that *“the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me”*. Beloved, is this not indeed a HOPE-WORTHY ANNOUNCEMENT? , for truly, it is a MYSTERY that WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED!

Beloved listening, this must be your headline good news today and all days because we are not just as others think but a people who are ready partakers and change-waiting citizens of Heaven.

But wait are you washed in the blood of the lamb? Are your garments spotless as the snow? I mean, have you accepted God’s gift of salvation through Jesus Christ? If not, then you are going to miss this joyful and hopeful change and be joined with the devil in hell. However, God loves you and he wants you to be part and so throws to you an invitation to receive him into your life.

My brethren who knew not the lord, you fellow neighbors who have received him have all these hope we have discussed but you, what can you boast after death? Do you know this could be your last day on earth? **Hebrews 9:27** says “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” but are you prepared for this judgment? And so His hand is extended when he said “call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me” (**Psalms 50:15**).

Jesus calls you to come to him, to stretch your hand to His, my beloved. Are you weary, tired, forsaken, sick, neglected, thirsty or hungry? **Isaiah 55:1-3;6-7** says “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ² Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. ³ Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. ⁶ Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon”. Oh sinner “Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. ²⁸ Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? ²⁹ Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. ³⁰ They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? ³¹ Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat. ³² Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. ³⁴ Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. ³⁵ And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst” (**John 6:27-35**). “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (**Romans 10:9-10**).

O behold beloved “now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation (**2 Corinthians 6:2**). **John 3:36** says “he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him”. Beloved don’t miss this invitation, Jesus calls on you to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (**Acts 16:31**).but beloved it is necessary to lay down your past to embrace him for no man can serve two masters. “So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple” (**Luke 14:33**). But come to Jesus brethren because “ whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life” (**John 3:15**),He said it himself that “Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest” (**Matthew 11:28**). Don’t waste time for it may be your last days on earth for “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (**James 4:14**). **Matthew 16:26** says “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul”? Coming to Jesus is what we mean to be born again because “except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (**John 3:3**).

Jesus is waiting on you to make a decision today because “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (**2 Peter 3:9**). I know you are thinking your sins are too great and he may not want to save you but hear this Jesus says “and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out” (**John 6:37**). Are you ready to believe that Jesus came to die for your sins and confess him as your savior to take over your life and make all things new for you? Know that “For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved” (**John 3:17**), **Isaiah 1:18** says Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. So I want you to believe with all your heart and be ready to confess him as your savior, that all that’s needed at this time for **Ecclesiastes 12:1** says “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them” beloved don’t close your heart for Jesus “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (**2 Corinthians 5:10**).

Tell me; are you ready to go to hell? Come and join the team of sons of God. All that is needed is to “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved (**Acts 16:31**). If you are ready to accept the lord Jesus Christ into your life now then believe he died for you and confess him to be your lord and savior. Bible says “If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.”¹⁰ For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (**Romans 10:9-10**).

May you don't know the power of what you are about to do but let me assure you that **Romans 10:13** says that For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. This decision will give you a new turn as **2 Corinthians 5:17** affirms that “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new”. Your decision will offer you everlasting life because He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him (**John 3:36**). And now if you will believe and confess the lord Jesus Christ as your lord and savior, you will have divine citizenship as **John 1:12** says that “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name”

Are you ready to receive the lord Jesus Christ into your heart as your lord and savior, let us pray together.

HURRAY! CONGRATULATIONS! on your joining the family of God. Now you are a/ all the child(ren) of light, and the child(ren) of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness(**1 Thessalonians 5:5**). “We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not” (**1 John 5:18**). This is because “we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (**Romans 6:4-6**). God's words that you believed is also assuring you that “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit” (**Romans 8:1**). You are now commended to, as you used your body to serve sin and Satan, now “For ye are bought with a

price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (**1 Corinthians 6:19-20**).

So do you know who you are in Christ? It will surprise you to know that you are delivered from the power of darkness, and hath translated into the kingdom of his dear Son (**Colossians 1:13**).you are a "...the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (**Ephesians 4:24**), "ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power" (**Colossians 2:10**), and overall, through Jesus Christ we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father (**Ephesian 2:18**). God is thankful to you for making his plan fulfilled in you and consequently Jesus said in **Luke15:7** that I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. God bless you beloved for taking a good decision, you won't ever in this life or after, regret. **Amen!**

Thank you beloved for joining us in this episode of the "message of the cross broadcast". Beloved, I encourage you to join us in church service this and every Sunday morning at 9:00am at the school premises and make plans to visit us at the same venue on our weekly meetings on;

- Wednesday bible studies-7:00PM
- Friday evening prayers-7:00PM
- Tuesdays and Thursdays midnight cry-5:00AM

Moreover, make plans to join us again next week, same time on this media as we bring to you another episode of the "**message of the cross broadcast**". You are welcome to contact us on the following; for any assistance. God bless you.

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