Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord

Today like every day is a great day for celebration. I celebrate not because of the choices man may or may not make. I celebrate because my destiny is not dependent on man’s actions. One of the central themes of my teaching is for all of you to realize three very important non-negotiable ideas:

1. You must truly know who God is
2. When you truly know who God is; you will realize who you are
3. When you truly know who God is and who you are you will understand what you are capable of

This reality is not up to selection of man. This reality has been established in the heavenly realm by a sovereign, omniscient and loving God. I celebrate today because God did not take a vote on whether God was going to create, purpose and love me. For generations evil men have tried to undervalue the humanity and sanctity of others. Simply because they realized that if they could dehumanize someone that could control, abuse and exploit them. However, when we realize that we are sacred in the eyes of God, then we will never let anyone exert this type of oppression over us. God created all and God loves all. So now let us celebrate who we are by coming together as one to do the work that as followers of Christ we are all called to do. For too long we have allowed the forces of evil within the church and in the world divide humanity. For too long we have allowed the sacred text and the institution of the church to be used to promote the interest of the wealthy and powerful at the expense of those locked out of access to power. Today is a day for transformation and revolution within the church and world.

The weather has been great, and the forecast is sunny for Sunday. If the weather remains warm our worship celebration will be outdoors. It is safer for us to be outside with the COVID-19 virus still plaguing our community. We will still broadcast for those who cannot make it to church. I look forward to seeing you all this Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

* Please reflect on this text and pray for the body of Christ to come together not under political banners but under the banner of love

*1 Corinthians 12:12-13 (NIV)**Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.****13****For we were all baptized by[*[*a*](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+12%3A12-13&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28648a)*] one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink*

* Please plan on getting outside and enjoying God’s creation and spend some time in meditation, prayer and exercise.
* Listen to this song of worship and give thanks <https://youtu.be/0nBn_3KAwDw>

Peace

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