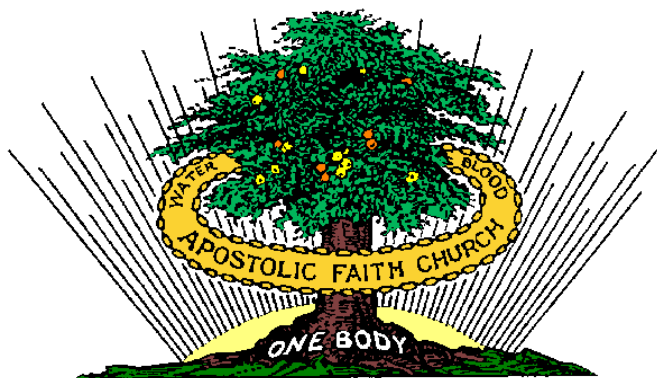


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## Keep The Unity Of The Faith

There has never been a day quite like the day we are entering. The world stands at the crossroads as we begin to enter an era of unprecedented change and turmoil, but we of this Precious Faith have the solemn responsibility to “hold on”, and remain at the forefront of these changes in order that the Word of Victory may be released for the blessing and edification of the Nations.

As we approach this new season, we continue in the footsteps of those who have gone before, pressing forward and Keeping the Unity of the Faith by the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3), the peace of God which passes all understanding and is able to keep our heart and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). Our beloved International Chief Overseer called to be with the Lord, Pastor Duncan Lee, has left behind a legacy of sacrifice and dedication, and we who remain give honour and glory to God for the faithfulness of His servant, as we continue to press forward in the Unity of Faith.

We thank the Lord that He has appointed, through the leading of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands, His servant Pastor Jeremiah Sande, who has now taken up the mantle of International Chief Overseer. And we call on the Lord to empower Pastor Jeremiah Sande to proceed in leading the Church and the faithful into a New Day of this precious Faith and Vision through the Revelation of Christ - the Word of God.

The challenges which lie ahead for the Church and its leadership could seem overwhelming if it were not for the assurance we have of Certain Victory through the Blood of the Lamb and the Word. It is incumbent upon us as God’s “Little Flock” to stand strong against the darkness that threatens our Christian faith today, as well as our blood-bought freedoms in Christ Jesus.

We rejoice in the appointment of Pastor Jeremiah Sande, acknowledging his personal sacrifice in having to leave his country to relocate to Britain with his three young children. We pray that he will be equipped with great boldness and spiritual discernment, filled to overflowing with Godly wisdom, that he may lead and guide the Church in victory by the Spirit of the Lord, overcoming every obstacle that may endeavour to creep in and create disunity or division.

Our task is to hold fast to this faith, to defend and protect this most precious possession - to “guard the truth”, resisting the deception and manipulation that comes in many guises under a cloak of light.

Apostle Paul admonishes Timothy as his son in the faith to “Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching you have heard from me, with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.” He says “**Guard the treasure entrusted to you**, with the help of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us” (2 Timothy 1:13-14, BSB). The New Living Translation says “...**carefully guard the precious truth** that has been entrusted to you.”

This requires constant vigilance, and pleading for a deeper and greater revelation through the various gifts and settings of the Offices in the body. We call on the Lord to raise the standard in the spiritual realm and we believe that He is raising up apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers and every other gifting and setting, in order to make His Name KNOWN, and for the perfecting and equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry of the Word so that the body of Christ (the Church) and the Nations may be edified, and brought into the Unity of the Faith (Ephesians 4:11-13).

The Word of the Lord requires of us that as the body of Christ we must reach the levels of maturity towards perfection unto the measure of the full stature of Christ so that “we are no longer tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ” (Ephesians 4:13-14, KJV).

The responsibility rests on us to fulfil this task, this calling, and extend our Faith and Vision beyond our own “back yard” and reach out to the Nations. May the Word continue to be spoken through His Apostles and Prophets, and manifest through the establishment of the gifts and settings of this Precious Faith. We are instructed of the Lord to **Keep the Unity of the Faith**. The Lord bless you.

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