

# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Christ Shared His Life September 25, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

Christ took on or shared in our iniquities by taking on our transgressions and diseases, those things that ravage our body and soul. He took them upon Himself and was crucified breaking the power of sin over our lives. We no longer live under condemnation of sin and death. This is too marvelous for words. Nothing compares to our salvation and deliverance. He took on death for us and then shared with us His life. Our heart can barely take in the reality and truth that is unveiled to us. New life is given to us; a life we live in Christ Jesus!

### Colossians 2.20 Way's Translation

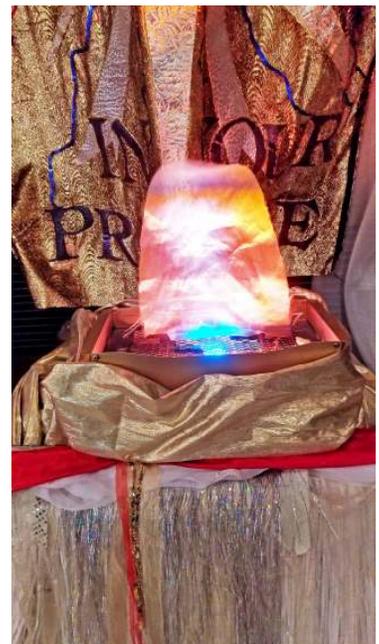
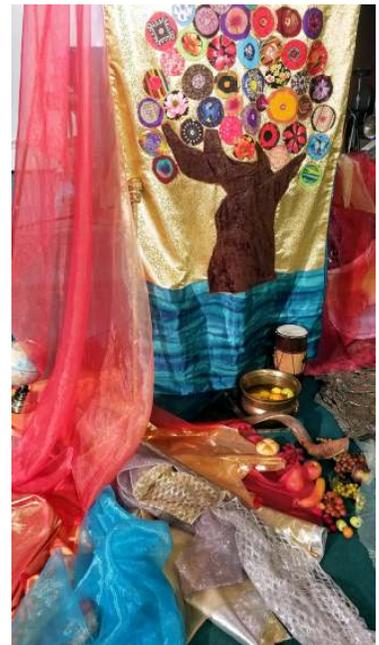
Yes, I have shared Messiah's crucifixion. I am living indeed, but it is not I that live; it is Messiah whose life is in me.

- As a new creation we share with Him.
- He is the Head, and we are the Body.
- He imparted Himself to us, and when He did He gave us a new self in place of the old self.
- Everything becomes new.
- We are united with Christ.

### John 15.5 Way's Translation

I am the Vine; ye are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me ye can do nothing.

- We bear the fruit.
  - We share His testimony.
  - We are acting as a part of Him.
- We are the part that touches humanity and the earth.
- We are the part that stewards the land and speaks to cities and nations.
- We reveal and impart His love that is in us.
- We release the Life of God into people's lives and the community.
- This is the picture of sharing – we share Him whom we have become one with.
- We share
  - His heart.
  - His vision.
  - His word.
  - His direction.
  - His deliverance.
  - His hope.
  - His goodness.
  - His life.
  - His kingdom.
- We are in a fruit-bearing season. We are in harvest.





### 1 John 5.19-20 TPT

<sup>19</sup> We know that we are God's children and that **the whole world lies under the misery and influence of the Evil One.** <sup>20</sup> And we know that the Son of God has made our understanding come alive so that we can know by experience the One who is true. And we are in him who is true, God's Son, Jesus Christ—the true God and eternal life!

- But the earth is the Lord's and everything in it. We steward the earth on behalf of God.
- We speak life and hope into our city and land and the people.
- We are not confused or deterred by the evil one because greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world.

### Philippians 3.1, 3 TPT reworded for Detroit

<sup>1</sup> My beloved Detroit, **don't ever limit your joy** or fail to rejoice in the wonderful experience of knowing our Lord Jesus!

<sup>3</sup> ...We are those who **boast in what Jesus Christ has done**, and not in what we can accomplish in our own strength.

### Philippians 1 2-6 TPT reworded for Detroit

<sup>2</sup> To you Detroit, may **the blessings of divine grace and supernatural peace that flow from God** our wonderful Father, and our Messiah, the Lord Jesus, be upon you and those who live in this place.

<sup>3-4</sup> My prayers for you Detroit are full of praise to God as I give him thanks for you with great joy! I'm so grateful to share the Christ with you <sup>5</sup> and our enduring partnership that began the first time I spoke the life of God into this city. <sup>6</sup> **I pray with great faith for you Detroit**, because I'm fully convinced that the One who began this glorious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you and will put his finishing touches to it until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!

### Psalms 34.8-14 TPT reworded for Detroit

<sup>8</sup> **Drink deeply of the pleasures of this God.**

**Experience for yourself, Detroit**, the joyous mercies he gives to all who turn to hide themselves in him.

<sup>9</sup> **Worship in awe and wonder**, all you who've been made holy! For all who fear him will feast with plenty.

<sup>10</sup> Even the strong and the wealthy grow weak and hungry, but those who **passionately pursue the Lord** will never lack any good thing.

<sup>11</sup> Come, Detroit, and listen to me.

I'll share the lesson I've learned of fearing the Lord.

<sup>12-13</sup> Do you want to live a long, good life, enjoying the beauty that fills each day?

Then **never speak a lie or allow wicked words to come from your mouth.**

<sup>14</sup> Keep turning your back on every sin, and make "peace" your life motto.

Practice being at peace with everyone.



### Acts 22.15-16 TPT reworded for Detroit

<sup>15</sup> **For you will be his witness, Detroit, to every race of people** and will share with them everything that you've seen and heard. <sup>16</sup> So now, what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized, and wash away your sins as you call upon his name.

**Romans 16.19-20** NIV reworded for Detroit

<sup>19</sup> Everyone has heard about your transformation, Detroit, so I rejoice; but I want you to **be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil.**

<sup>20</sup> The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

**The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.**

Detroit, God's kingdom life is upon you. Receive all that God is pouring into you bringing transformation and a new sound out of this city. Rise up Detroit, rise up in the greatness that God has called you to. Influence the peoples and nations of the earth. Be a demonstration. Let the glory of the Lord fill this city and resound into the region and state. Let Detroit and Michigan takes its place as a firstfruit of the Lord in this nation, in this new season and time. **Detroit belongs to the Lord!**

