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This Is Our Reality September 14, 2021 Suzi Armstrong

Reality is the state of things as they actually exist. Reality is found in God alone, everything else is false. There are many hollow and deceptive philosophies that want to take us captive in our thoughts, instill fear and undermine confidence in God. Multiple false narratives want to try to define our reality.

As believers our reality is found in Christ. We are who God says we are. We are a new creation in Christ. We are not confined or defined by the world's narratives. Nothing can separate us from the reality that Christ is in us and we are in Christ – neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 1.13-14 NASB

¹³In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, **you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,** ¹⁴who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

- NIV says we were marked in Him with a seal; the promised Holy Spirit.
- The Greek word for marked or sealed means:
 - Confirmed, proved or authenticated.
 - Place beyond doubt.
 - Concealed.
 - The real deal, genuine and true – we are the authentic sons and daughters of God!
- You have been authenticated as the belonging to the family of God after you have believed and been born again – you are God's own.
- That seal or mark distinguishes you as belonging to a tribe and nation.
 - The kingdom of God is now inside of you.
 - Power and authority have been given to you in the name of Jesus.
- You have been secured – your life has been authenticated – sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit. This is reality. This is truth.

1 Peter 2.9 NIV

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, **God's special possession,** that you may **declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.**

Romans 12.1 TPT

¹Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to **surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices.** And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. **For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.**

Psalms 46.10-11 TPT

¹⁰**Surrender your anxiety.** Be still and **realize that I am God.** I am God above all the nations, and I am exalted throughout the whole earth. ¹¹Here he stands! The Commander! **The mighty Lord of Angel Armies is on our side! The God of Jacob fights for us!**

1 Chronicles 16.8-10, 34 NIV

⁸ **Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;**
make known among the nations what he has done.

⁹ **Sing to him, sing praise to him;**
tell of all his wonderful acts.

¹⁰ **Glory in his holy name;**
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

³⁴ **Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;**
his love endures forever.

Psalm 96.5-7 TPT

⁵ Other gods are absolutely worthless.

For the Lord God is Creator-God,
who spread the splendor of the skies!

⁶ **Breathtaking brilliance and awe-inspiring majesty**
radiate from his shining presence.

His stunning beauty overwhelms all who come before him.

⁷ **Surrender to the Lord Yahweh, all you nations and peoples.**
Surrender to him all your pride and strength.

Isaiah 61.10 NASB

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; **for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,** as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

PRAYER

Isaiah 62.10b NIV

Build up, build up the highway!

Remove the stones.

Raise a banner for the nations.

Let us build up the highway by declaring the word of the Lord. Let us raise a banner for the nations as we pray and agree together as the ekklesia, the legislative assembly of God.

We declare and decree the word of the Lord:

Isaiah 40.4-5 NIV

⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.

⁵ And **the glory of the LORD will be revealed,**
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

For freedom and liberty come from the Lord. We declare and expect that **the fire of God’s truth burns in the streets of Detroit and our nation.** We declare that the burning passion of His heart draws all men to Him. **Jesus Christ is the life and light of this city and this nation.** The fire of God consumes all of His enemies. **Detroit and our nation will be set ablaze with the passion of revival fire burning throughout the city and land.** The Lord reigns. Let Detroit and our nation rejoice in the harvest of souls as God’s kingdom comes and His will be done. **Life and breath are blowing on the embers of revival as they ignite.** The fire of God’s word is in His mouth. Blessed is Detroit and the United States of America that has learned to acclaim the Lord God Almighty and walk in the fire of His presence. **Detroit and our nation belong to the Lord. This is our reality.**