

# First Fruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

**Raised to Life**  
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## Romans 6.4

**Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, SO THAT as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.**

## Colossians 2.11-12

<sup>11</sup>In Him you were also circumcised in the putting off of your sinful nature, with the circumcision performed by Christ and not by human hands, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with Him in baptism, in which **you were also raised up with Him through faith** in the working of God, **who raised Him from the dead.**

- **God is saying to us and to Detroit – RISE!**
- Conceptualizing the Word prevents us from walking in our true identity.
- Receiving the word as a concept or an idea speaks only to our feelings and gives a false positive.
- Detroit is on the verge of prosperity like never before. But if Detroit doesn't know God more than a concept or a feeling, Detroit will get top heavy and topple over. Without the Word as solid foundation of TRUTH.
- **In Him, Detroit you were circumcised, in the putting off of your sinful nature, with the circumcision performed by Christ and not by human hands, you, Detroit having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you, Detroit were also raised up with Christ through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.**
- Our sinful nature has been circumcised. Side by side in the tomb, the freshly slain lamb and we lay. The Spirit of God took the sharp knife of righteousness and cut off the useless flesh of Adam's sin nature. He then took that flesh and buried it with Him. When the flesh of our sinful nature was cut off, we rose in freedom, redeemed, our consciences clean as though we had never eaten or tasted of the tree of the knowledge of Good and Evil.
- Still the conceptualization wants to come in. Is that was really happened?
- We are to break-through for Detroit – and declare that Detroit as a whole, and its individual members, come out of conceptualization of the Word.



## Colossians 2.13-14

<sup>13</sup>When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **He made you alive together with Him**, having forgiven us all our transgressions, <sup>14</sup>**having canceled out the certificate of debt (associated with the old identity)** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- We being the First Fruit people must take hold of this Word and release it over Detroit. Not as a concept but has a reality. This is present day reality.

## Romans 4.24

but also **for us, to whom righteousness will be credited—for us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.** He who was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.

## Hebrews 10.22

let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having **our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

- The church has been trying to clean its own conscience with dead works. Not realizing that it has already been made clean. Struggling even with conceptualizing the gospel, falling for the lie.
- Holy Spirit is saying this is TRUTH and not a concept. I have made you clean.
- Why then am I still thinking about this? Why then is this still happening in our city. Conceptualization says, I/we need to get it out of us.
- BUT what if that thing is not inside us anymore? But instead it is coming from outside of us trying to reclaim our identity? – Todd White
- Dream – My car veered off the road into the deepest part of Lake Michigan. After I swam to safety, I watched it sink below the surface, knowing that every piece of documentation that had my name on it, was in the trunk. Every piece of evidence of who I am had just been wiped off the face of the earth and was destroyed. In the dream I felt like I had died. Upon waking and all the next day I kept thinking I have a new identity, I don't have my old identity any more. I don't need my own. I have His identity. This dream felt so real because it is real. Spiritually speaking this is what happens to every believer, through the baptism into Christ death and resurrection into newness of life. This is not a concept. It is what is real.
- Can a whole city walk in this? Can every person in the city of Detroit walk in this?
- The year of Jubilee is about debt cancelation. We are on the verge of the largest debt cancelation experience as men, woman and children break free from their old sin natures.

## 1 Corinthians 15.35-38

<sup>35</sup> But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> You fool! **That which you sow does not come to life unless it dies; <sup>37</sup> and that which you sow, you do not sow the body which is to be, but a bare grain, perhaps of wheat or of something else.**

<sup>38</sup> **But God gives it a body just as He wished, and to each of the seeds a body of its own.**

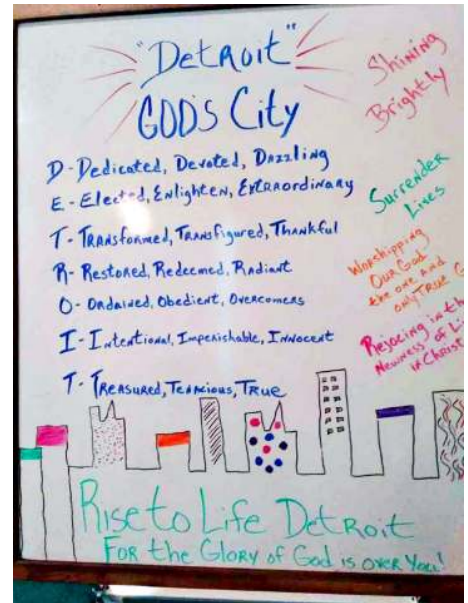
- Death is inevitable. Part of the process, par for the course.
- What we sow doesn't look the same as what is ready at harvest time. The seed looks very different from the actual tree.
- The seed we sow must take a new form. Of God's own choosing. When we give our identity to Him, we die. He then gives us His identity. We take His form and shape of something new. Carrying the seed of the Christ to reproduce Christ.
- This is why when Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples could not recognize Him. He was a seed that was sown into the earth to die. His new form and likeness be so much more.

## 1 Corinthians 15.42-49

<sup>42</sup> So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable *body*, it is raised an imperishable *body*; <sup>43</sup> it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; <sup>44</sup> it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual *body*. <sup>45</sup> So also it is written, "The first MAN, Adam, BECAME A LIVING SOUL." **The last Adam *became a life-giving spirit.*** <sup>46</sup> However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man is from the earth, earthly; the second man is from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As is the earthly, so also are those who are earthly; and as is the heavenly, so also are those who are heavenly. <sup>49</sup> **Just as we have borne the image of the earthly, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.**

- Let Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
- We have become the eternal and infinite in the finite places of earth.
- The shaping the molding into the new Man, the man of Christ.

- Through Adam we received a Living Soul.
- Through Christ we received a Living Spirit. We need both.
- We are to Govern from the heavenlies on the earth. Christ makes intercession through us here on earth.
- We are to bear the image of the heavenly in every place.
- Christ disarmed the enemy. This is not as complicated as the enemy wants us to believe.
- Evil looks pretty wicked. Almost to the point of despair. But God says don't despair because you have my heavenly DNA, my identity.
  - Human trafficking stopped dead in its tracks.
  - Racism stopped dead in its tracks.
  - Violence stopped dead in its tracks.
  - Hatred stopped dead in its tracks.
  - Arrogance stopped dead in its tracks.
  - We can shut EVIL down in every place.



### Revelation 5.5-7

<sup>5</sup>Then one of the elders said to me, **"Do not weep! Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, has triumphed to open the scroll and its seven seals."** <sup>6</sup>Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup>He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.

Christ has the final say. We as His body have the final say. Every enemy shall be put under His feet. We rise. Detroit rises, takes on a new identity. As Detroit becomes a holy city, corruption and greed will not be a part of it. Prosperity yes, but no big named businesses can come in here and dominate and monopolize the arenas. Detroit will look different from other cities. Amazon cannot exploit Detroit. Legalizing marijuana cannot exploit Detroit. Real estate investors and business broker, banks and city councilman cannot exploit Detroit. Detroit cannot be put into a mold. And many will say it can't be done Detroit, but the Lord says I'm gonna do it in you Detroit. Whites and Blacks living together. Diversity will come in and many will try to take away from it but I say I won't let it Detroit. I say I have given you my heart and the people have my heart, just as I forgive and forget you are forgiving and forgetting. And those who don't want to let you do that, that want to come and put restrictions on you, they cannot make it stick. I have canceled out the certificate of debt. See to it Detroit that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in you Detroit Christ dwells, and the fullness of Deity dwells in you, for you are my prototype city. In Christ I am making you complete. Christ will be the head over your schools and your businesses, your families and your recreation. Over ever area, He is the head over all rule and authority, because there are those that have claimed you Detroit for their inheritance. You have been circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, the removal of all the dead works and you have been buried with Him in baptism. You have been made alive together with Him, having been forgiven all your transgressions. New identity Detroit.

