

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Everything Belongs to The Lord February 25, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

Psalm 24.1-2 NIV

¹ **The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;**

² **for he founded it** on the seas
and established it on the waters.

- Ownership is established – it all belongs to the Lord.
- The nations and cities belong to the Lord.
- Times and seasons belong to the Lord.
- We, as individuals, belong to the Lord.

What does it mean to “belong”? The dictionary defines “belong” as being in the right place, to be in an appropriate situation or environment, to fit, to be part of something else. To belong means to be possessed or owned. God is the possessor of all. Nothing has been made or exists without Him. God, Himself gives life and breath and created an environment of sustainability. All of creation fits with God! Purpose and destiny has been assigned to all by God. God causes His sun to shine on the evil and the good and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.



Hebrews 1.2-3 NIV

² but in these last days he **has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.** ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, **sustaining all things by his powerful word.** After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.

Ephesians 1.4-10 NIV

⁴ For **he chose us in him before the creation of the world** to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he **predestined** us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, **in accordance with his pleasure and will—** ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, **in accordance with the riches of God's grace** ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—**to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.**

- This was written to the Church.
- All things in heaven and on earth continue to belong to the Lord.

Psalm 22.27-28 NIV

²⁷ **All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will bow down before him,**
²⁸ **for dominion belongs to the LORD and he rules over the nations.**

Detroit and all that is in it belongs to the Lord. Yet, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God." (2 Cor 4.4 NIV) This present world order in its independence and self-reliance is marked by a world view of selfishness, greed, power-lust, violence and self-glory. It denies that the earth and all that live in it belongs to the Lord Almighty. This last week the Nation of Islam was celebrating its 90th anniversary and founding in the city of Detroit by going door to door promoting their mindset and world view, and trying to expand their hold on the city and its people. As believers in God Most High, we declare that Detroit belongs to the Lord! We pray over the people who are part of the Nation of Islam that the blinders would fall off the eyes of their heart and they would see and encounter Jesus Christ. We pray that their hearts would be open to receive the true gospel message of the Lord Jesus.



As the Church in Detroit we declare that the King is here! Who is this King? He is the Lord Almighty! He is the possessor of Detroit and all who live in Detroit. Detroit has been called out of darkness into God's marvelous light. Revival and awakening have broken out in the city. God's kingdom is expanding in Detroit. Detroit is rising up in its God-given destiny. Detroit is the trumpet of the Lord releasing and reverberating the sound of heaven into the earth. There is a shaking that is taking place in the earth to remove what is not of God. We declare that the roots and structure of the Nation of Islam are being shaken and uprooted – that there is an unraveling of this root system in our city and a release of the people that have been entwined in an ungodly religion. We declare over the people of Detroit that God so loved Detroit that He gave His Son that whosoever should believe in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved!

Galatians 5.16-18 TPT

¹⁶ **As you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will abandon the cravings of your self-life.** ¹⁷ For your self-life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit *and hinder him from living free within you!* And the Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-life from dominating you! So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit.
¹⁸ But when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, you will no longer be living under the domination of the law, *but soaring above it!*



2 Corinthians 3.16 TPT

¹⁶ **But the moment one turns to the Lord with an open heart, the veil is lifted *and they see.***

2 Corinthians 7.1 TPT

¹ Beloved ones, with promises like these, and because of our deepest respect and worship of God, **we must remove everything from our lives that contaminates body and spirit, and continue to complete the development of holiness within us.**

Colossians 2.6-10 NIV

⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to **live your lives in him,** ⁷ **rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith** as you were taught, and **overflowing with thankfulness.**

⁸ **See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.**

⁹ For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, ¹⁰ and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. **He is the head over every power and authority.**

Colossians 3.1-2 NIV

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, **set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated** at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

- We and our city belong to the Lord – we fit into His plans and purposes.
- He gives an environment of life and hope that is sustainable through Jesus Christ.

