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**FROM THE NCA EMMAUS
COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR**

The “New” Year

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland”. Is. 43: 18-19



Sometimes.... God is wanting to do something “new” and yet we’re still stuck in the “old.” It’s hard at times to let go of what’s familiar and what we know. It seems easier to stay “comfortable,” to just keep going with the flow, not to mess anything up. For those who like change – “new” is mostly exciting. For those who don’t like change – “new” is mostly stressful. Your family, like mine, is probably a mix of those two traits.

As you look to this “new” year. What is the “new” you are looking forward to? The easy answer for me would be the end of this pandemic and the ability to return to in-person events where we can see and embrace one another again.

Community Lay Director Continued:

But as you focus on 2021 and think about your “new,” try to see what “new” God has in store for you. Try to see the “new” ways He is working in your life through His eyes not your own. You see one of the things I love about God, He thinks and works outside of box of our own thinking. He doesn’t always work in ways that we would have chosen for our “new.” He sees the big picture and knows what He’s doing. He is always at work behind the scenes of our lives that unfold every day.

So, we must learn to trust...His “new”, knowing that He has our best in mind. Daily we will need to allow Him to adjust our thinking and our vision to align ourselves with Him. Then we will be able to see the “new” is coming 2021.

Happy New Year and De Colores,

Chris Scholz



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FROM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Pastor Eric, Spiritual Director

Times of Restoration

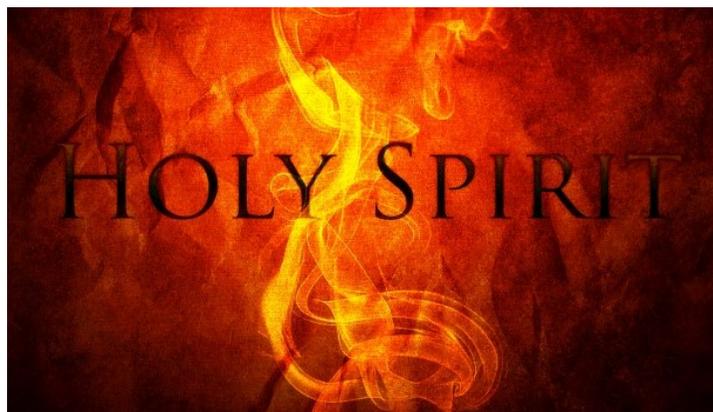
It is written, *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began”* (Acts 3:19-21, NKJV).

The word *restoration* means the act or process of returning something to its original condition. Scripture tells us that heaven must receive Christ *until* the (plurality of) times of restoration of all things. There is a dispensation of the fullness of times in which all things will be gathered together in Christ. However, *times of restoration* must take place first.

Yeshua spoke these words to His disciples: *“The works [i.e., signs] that I do he [we] will do also; and greater works than these he [we] will do...”* (John 14:12). What precisely are these works? We are told, *“The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them”* (Matthew 11:5).

Yeshua was speaking of the conviction of sin by the power of the Holy Spirit by preaching the gospel unto the salvation of Israel and all the nations. For it is written, *“The poor shall have the gospel preached to them”* (Matthew 11:5),

“Therefore tongues [languages] are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers...” (1 Corinthians 14:22).



Spiritual Director Continued:

As we near the end of the age, we will see an increase in the frequency and intensity of these vital signs. As it is written, *“until the times of restoration of all things.”* The word “until” suggests that God’s restorative power will *increase* in the world until He has completely fulfilled *all* His prophetic words. Yeshua affirmed this when He said, *“Indeed, Elijah is coming first and will restore all things” (Matthew 17:11)*, confirming once again that God’s restoration for the church and Israel will begin before His return.

I have often heard people talk about the first-century church as a model of what the future might look like. The early church was predominantly comprised of Jewish believers and lacked the diversity of all nations. Yet, the Lord had already made a promise to Abraham that he would become the father of many nations.

Therefore, there is more for us to experience before the return of Christ, and I believe the next great event in human history will be God’s saving grace poured out on all humanity, including the Jewish people. This is what the disciples proclaimed as the great *sign* fulfilled in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. Like the days of old, it will all start with His church, and I expect it from Jerusalem. Therefore, I believe that this end-times church will do more extraordinary things (in number, magnitude, size, and influence) than even Yeshua did Himself.

Israel, and for that part, the church is being restored to a condition that has never existed since the creation. It will be even more glorious than the Garden of Eden, as it is written, *“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9)*.

Spiritual Director Continued:

Remember that the word restoration means the act or process of returning something to its original condition. Original, therefore, would predate Abraham, “*For [even] he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God*” (Hebrews 11:10).

The final expression of what the millennial church will look like is yet to be revealed. I know for sure that this expression will also include every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, and we will be united as *one* people of God. It is written, “*Then I will restore to the peoples a pure language, That they all may call on the name of the Lord, To serve Him with one accord*” (Zephaniah 3:9).

While God’s plan of restoration has begun with Israel, His ultimate objective is to restore His entire creation. This purpose is much bigger and more significant than just Israel. It is ultimately about the whole assembly of God’s people coming together as one great assembly and one new man in Christ.

The days are coming, and the *times of restoration* are even upon us when the Lord fulfills His *predestined* promises to Israel, and to all the peoples of the earth who are grafted into her. The church is soon to be transformed into the bride without spot or wrinkle, empowered with all signs, wonders, and His living word to reap the utmost harvest of souls the world has ever seen.

Therefore, let us rejoice in knowing that we are part of His *predestined* good works, to bring about His plans and *times of restoration* for Israel and all the nations.

DeColores!

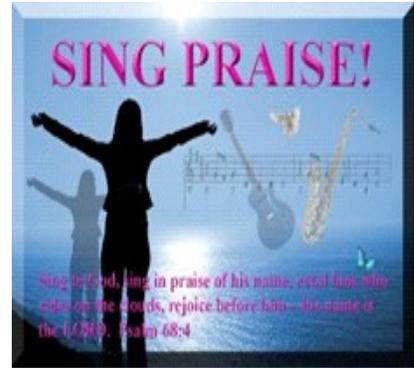
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From the NCAE MD

Psalm 126, from Solomon

“When the Lord brought the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”



The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.”

Acknowledging our Lord and the great things He has done; praising Him in song. This is our mission - to be used by Him to create an atmosphere of worship fellowship, and joy!

January Ultreya music will be full of gratitude for his greatness - lead by Dave Charboneau.

“Raise A Hallelujah”, “Yes, I will”, “Living Hope”, “Ain’t No Grave”, and more will kick off 2021 with joy and praises.

During the NCAE business meeting we will address the state of the music program, 2020 happenings, and looking to the future. We are grateful to Family Worship Center of Bealeton, VA, for facilitating the monthly recordings. Many hands and voices of service are involved, all for His glory.

Should you wish to participate in some manner, contact us at mkrauss70@aol.com .

Happy New Year and De Colores!

Mae and Jim Krauss





**Zoom Business Meeting
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6:00 Pm
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**January Ultreya
January 15, 2020**

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