

WELCOME TO ALL NATIONS DAY, 2009

I love the concept of All Nations Day because it reminds us of who we really are. We all get busy, and in our drive to fulfill the multiplicity of obligations life has placed on us, we tend to isolate ourselves from others. For some of us, we just pause to catch our breath and jump right back on the treadmill of life.

A day like this gives us the opportunity to pause and reflect, so as to be thankful and celebrate.

Celebrations make us stop all activities to just step back and enjoy! Enjoy the blessings around us. Celebrations make us to reflect on who we are and how far we have come by the grace of God. But for me, celebrations remind me of the journey. The journey of life!

Each year that you celebrate your birthday, it strikes home the fact that life is about motion. No one can afford to stay in one place, you are instantly moving. Moving from something to something. And this discovery makes one wise.

“From one man he has made every nation of humanity to live all over the earth. He has given them the seasons of the year and the boundaries within which to live.” Acts 17:26 (God's Word)

As we celebrate All Nations Day, we are reminded of our common ancestry. That in spite of our differences in appearance, height, physique, colour and looks, we are all from one man. We were not made from two men, but from one man. Making us all true blood brothers in the purest sense of the word!

You are my brother, you are my sister! No matter how different you may look from me!

Secondly, areas of jurisdiction and boundaries are all determined by God! Therefore, where you were born, the country in which you were raised, the language you speak, were all part of God's plan for you as an individual, and His grand plan for humanity.

None of these things make anyone less significant but form part of God's grandiose plan for His creation. This should make everyone happy. Your language and culture were all given by God to fulfill His purpose not just for your life, but for His pleasure.

All Nations Day reminds us of that! We celebrate diversity in unity. The great plan of God!

He made us different, yet from one man and one blood. Only a super God could accomplish that. We are one, yet speak many languages; we are one, yet come from different countries; we are one, yet we have diverse cultures; we are one, yet in different colours.

Everyone was created for His pleasure therefore, vitally critical to the mosaic God is creating called, All Nations. You are a part of me and I am a part of you!

“You are worthy, oh Lord, to receive glory and honour and power. For you created all things, and by Your will they existed and were created.” Revelations 4:11 (NKJ)

“... For your pleasure they were created.” (KJ)

So God's plan for the world is many countries from one blood. God's plan for mankind is different peoples from one man. God's plan for the Church is All Nations sanctified by the blood of Jesus.

This is clearly shown in the redemption God began to unfold through Abraham:

"...As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. No longer shall you be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make nations of you, kings shall come from you." Genesis 17:4-6.

And the dedicatory prayers of the first temple, commonly called 'Solomon's Temple':

"...Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, but has come from a far country for your Name' sake (for they will hear of Your great Name and Your strong hand and Your outstretched arm), when he comes and prays toward this temple, hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, that all peoples of the earth may know Your Name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this Temple which I have built is called by Your Name."

1 Kings 8:41-43

And the prophetic annunciation of Isaiah:

"...Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the Name of the Lord, to be His servants. Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant. Even them, I will bring to My Holy Mountain, and make them joyful in My House of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My House shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Isaiah 56:6-7

And the Angelic message and anthem about Jesus' birth:

"...Then the Angel said to them: 'Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the City of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And suddenly, there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and singing: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.'" Luke 2:10-14

And in the declaration of John the Baptist:

"...The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, 'Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.'" John 1:29

And His remarkable restorative ministry of the Temple before His death, reechoing the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

"...So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He will not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple. Then He taught, saying to them, 'Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a House of prayer for all nations?' But you have made it a den of thieves'".

Mark 11-15-17

And His Great Commission to the disciples:

“...And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying: 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of All Nations baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”. Matthew 28:18-20

And the birth of the Church at Pentecost

“But this is what was spoken by the Prophet Joel: ' And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy”. Acts 2:16-18

And the grand finale of the saints in heaven.

So get used to it. The Church of Jesus Christ is All Nations. Not whites, Not blacks, Not Indians, Not Hispanics, but All Nations!

And this is always going to be the case: “After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb'.” Revelations 7:9-10

The ministry of the Holy Spirit is All Nations, for Jesus died for All Nations.

My favorite Scripture about heaven is the manner in which we will enter that glorious place: “And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.” Revelations 21:24

Wow, the kings of the earth will parade their culture (glory and honor) in heaven! Some would enter dancing and jumping in a perpendicular manner. Some would enter dancing and shaking their bums and God would not be angry, but honored! Hallelujah!

Our God Reigns!

On this All Nations Day, celebrate one another for we are truly one!

Celebrate our diversity for they all honor the one who made us all different. May only Jesus be honored, and praised, and be glorified.

For we are ONE in Christ Jesus!

God bless you all!

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