

## Light the Fire, Fan the Flame! Kahu Billy Mitchell, February 25, 2024

This sermon is not for everybody but for anybody who wants the Spirit of the living Christ to burn within them! Jesus wants and we need his Spirit to burn in us as Christians. When we have our next discussion session, this topic will definitely be one of them! Stay tuned! This sermon should serve as a good introduction to this very, very important topic!

**What it's not . . . Arrogance, Crazyiness, Superstitions, Out of order with God!**

**What is the burning of the fire in you?** It is the Spirit of Jesus burning in you! Burning up the bad in you: the negatives in your life . . . Insecurities, Fear, Fear of your tomorrows, fear of your bullies, pride, ignorance, a lack of knowledge, religious ritual, bigotry, no more joy, no more peace, anger, unforgiveness, hatred, lusting, disobedience to God! **A dull life inside and out!**

*Hebrews 12:28-29 NIV* Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, <sup>29</sup> **for our "God is a consuming fire."**

**The fire is the igniting of a deep gratitude that you have to Jesus for dying for your sins and promising eternal life for you and your ohana!** For being so grateful everyday, more and more and more and more for all that he has done for you and is still doing for you!! So grateful that you develop a love for the Christ and want to serve him with all your life!!! We are in a time when mere Christian religion and ritual is not enough, though it never was! We at Mana Christian have become very cognizant of this need! The story of the living God goes on!!!!

*Matthew 24:4-8, 10-14 NIV* <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. <sup>5</sup> For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. <sup>6</sup> You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. <sup>7</sup> Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. <sup>8</sup> All these are the beginning of birth pains. . . . <sup>10</sup> At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, <sup>11</sup> and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. <sup>12</sup> **Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, <sup>13</sup> but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. <sup>14</sup> And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.**

**Jesus says in *Luke 12:49 NIV*** "I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!"

*Luke 3:16 NIV* John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.  
**He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

*Acts 2:1-4 NIV* <sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

**Christ's fire in you is a heart issue: the difference between just liking Jesus and loving him!**

**How to Start the fire and fan the flame - II Timothy 1:6 NIV *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.***

**Lay It All Down! Romans 12:1-2ESV *I appeal to you therefore, brothers [and sisters], by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, **but be "transformed" by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may "discern" what is "the will of God", what is good and acceptable and perfect.*****

**A Heart After God! Psalms 139: 23-24 NASB *Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts; <sup>24</sup> And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.***

**Always Seeking God! Jeremiah 29:13 NIV *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.***

**The word of God . . . your personal time with him!**

*Psalms 121:7-8 KJV* <sup>7</sup>*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul. <sup>8</sup>The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore. **AMENE***