**The Main truth: God’s call for His People to Wake up and Repent!**

Joe 2:11  And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for His camp *is* very great: for *He is* strong that executes His word: for the day of the LORD *is* great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

Joe 2:12  Therefore also now, say the LORD, turn ye *even* to Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

Joe 2:13  And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for He *is* gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents/pities him of the evil.

Happy Independence Day. July 2 1776 – God saved this nation from tyranny a long time ago. On July 4, 1776 congress voted in favor of independence and adopted the declaration of independence. We are still enjoying the fruit of their labor.

**This is a Victory of God to do what He wants to do! Praise God for His Power over all Enemies!**

**Rev. 3:7** “…write these things saith He that is holy, He that is true, He that has the key of David, He that opens, and no man shuts; and shuts, and no man opens;

**The Lord Jesus has power to give us this Victory over Sin, Satan and the Grave!**

* Jesus died to set me free.
* Whom the son shall make free shall be free indeed! John 8:36

**The Book of Joel is about God’s Judgement and Rescue!**

* Are you putting your trust in God’s plans or your own plans?
* Israel failed into sin because they were falling their own plans.
* They were drunk and derailed from the things of God!
* Joel 1:5  Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth.
* Joel 1:6  For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

**The Problem when we sin against God:**

* Sin will keep you longer than you want to stay, sin will take you farther than you want to go, and will cost you more than you want to pay!
* Sin is not worth it!
* Joel 1:11  Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen; howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field is perished.
* Rom 3:23  For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
* **God knows how to deliver us!**
* 2 Pet\_2:9  The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

The Son of God came to rescue us from the sin’s power and control:

But you have to want it and put all your trust and faith in Jesus the one and only that has all Power!

Matthew\_28:18  And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**God is calling us to repent:**

Joe 1:13  Gird yourselves, and lament,

Joe 1:14  Sanctify ye a fast

And the Lord is playing around:

Joe; 1:15  Alas for the day! for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.

What is repentance? It is when we stop doing our sins and look to God and say God I will stop will you help me?

Jeremiah \_33:3  Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou know not.

**The Day of Lord is at hand for us all:**

**Joe 2:10**  The earth shall tremble before them; the heavens shall shake. The sun and the moon shall grow dark, and the stars shall gather in their light.

**Are you ready to meet the Lord?**

Php\_2:10  that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of heavenly ones, and of earthly ones, and of ones under *the* earth;

Have the Lord put His Spirit in your Spirit? 1 Cor. 6:19-20

**The Wonderful Saving Work of God:**

Joe 2:28  And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:32  And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered:

**What must the lost sinner do?** God to God and ask Him for mercy and His Grace to save your soul! Repent/ Turn from sin and put all your trust and faith in Him!

God will then put His Spirit in you and you will His forever more!

**What must the saved sinner do? Warn people!**

Joel 3:1  For, behold, in those days, / Joel 3:2  I will also gather all nations,

Joel 3:9  Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up:  / Joel 3:12  Let the heathen be wakened, / Joel 3:16  The LORD also shall roar out of Zion,

**Joel 3:17  So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD your God dwelling in Zion**