

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Change the Atmosphere
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1 Peter 1.2-9 TPT

² *You are not forgotten*, for you have been **chosen and destined** by Father God. The Holy Spirit has **set you apart** to be God's holy ones, obedient **followers of Jesus Christ** who have been *gloriously* sprinkled with his blood. May God's delightful **grace and peace cascade over you** many times over!

³ **Celebrate with praises** the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his **extravagant mercy**. For his *fountain of* mercy has given us a **new life**—we are reborn to **experience a living, energetic hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. ⁴ We are reborn into a **perfect inheritance** that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you!

⁵ Through our faith, **the mighty power of God constantly guards us** until our *full* salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ May the thought of this cause you to **jump for joy**, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials. ⁷ But these only reveal the sterling core of your faith, which is far more valuable than gold that perishes, for even gold is refined by fire. **Your authentic faith** will result in even more praise, glory, and honor when Jesus the Anointed One is revealed.

⁸ **You love him passionately** although you did not see him, but through believing in him you are **saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory**. ⁹ For **you are reaping the harvest of your faith**—the full salvation promised you—your souls' **victory!**

This is our reality of life – this is us. Born again, everything made new. This is *ATTITUDE*. Chosen. Destined. Set apart. Guarded. Grace and peace cascading over us. Filled with a living energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Saturated with joy and immersed in God's glory. We are radical people. We are no longer like the world nor sourced and sustained by the world systems. We live in a different environment with different values – the kingdom of God is in us. We are city changers. We are here to tend to Detroit – to change the atmosphere of the city from death to life. We are here to speak into the city the heart and purpose of God. We are here to bring kingdom impact and kingdom influence into the lives of people. Our mind and thoughts are set on things above. We are here to worship the Lord God Almighty and see Him enthroned over this city.

We are creating an atmosphere that can house the anointing. Creating an atmosphere for heaven to come down and connect with the people. In our firstfruits we can build an atmosphere through worship that invades the city bringing radical change. We exhale the dynamics of heaven into the atmosphere of the city because He is the air we breathe. This is not a superficial work but comes from deep worship and reverence of God. Changing the atmosphere flows through a yielded life following Holy Spirit. An atmosphere is an environment that creates and releases an influence that impacts how people perceive and live. Atmosphere impacts freedom and creativity. Atmosphere can support and encourage or oppress and shut down.



Galatians 6.14-16 The Message

¹⁴⁻¹⁶ For my part, **I am going to boast about nothing but the Cross** of our Master, Jesus Christ. Because of that Cross, **I have been crucified in relation to the world, set free from the stifling atmosphere of pleasing others and fitting into the little patterns that they dictate.** Can't you see the central issue in all this? It is not what you and I do—submit to circumcision, reject circumcision. **It is what God is doing, and he is creating something totally new, a free life!** All who walk by this standard are the true Israel of God—his chosen people. Peace and mercy on them!

Psalm 57.1-11 NIV Reworded for Detroit

¹ Have mercy on Detroit, my God, have mercy on the city, for in you Detroit takes refuge.

Detroit will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

² Detroit cries out to God Most High, to God, who vindicates the city.

³ He sends from heaven and saves Detroit, rebuking those who hotly pursue— God sends forth his love and his faithfulness.

⁴ Detroit is in the midst of lions; forced to dwell among ravenous beasts— men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

⁵ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

⁶ They spread a net for Detroit— the city was bowed down in distress. They dug a pit—

but they have fallen into it themselves.

⁷ Detroit's heart, O God, is steadfast, Detroit's heart is steadfast;

And will sing and make music.

⁸ Awake, Detroit!

Awake, harp and lyre!

Detroit will awaken the dawn.

⁹ Detroit will praise you, Lord, among the nations;

Detroit will sing of you among the peoples.

¹⁰ For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

¹¹ Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all of Detroit.

We invite the atmosphere of heaven to saturate Detroit. We speak into the many atmospheres in this city and we declare liberty and freedom. Let Detroit be saturated and immersed in Your presence. Let the living, breathing hope of Jesus Christ be resident in our city.

Let the light of the gospel breakout and increase in Detroit. We declare that the environment of Detroit is filled with life and healing. There is an atmosphere of the miraculous in Detroit. **As deep calls to deep, Detroit longs for more of You, God.**

