

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

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Absorb

- Taken in or soak up; drink in, become contained within; be one with.
- To be engrossed with; engaged in; occupied with; gripped by; immersed in.
- To include so that there is no longer separation.

In a physical sense, buildings absorb the sounds and the fragrances that are in the atmosphere around them. In chemistry the process of absorption means that a substance captures and transforms energy. Our hearts absorb what we believe, what we trust. What we are absorbing gives us language and frames how we look at things. We become filled with what we receive in our hearts and it produces fruit. As Christians we absorb the truth of the Gospel message; we are one with Christ the hope of glory.

Psalm 119.98-99 TPT

⁹⁸ By considering your commands I have an edge over my enemies,
for **I take seriously everything you say.**

⁹⁹ You have given me more understanding than those who teach me,
for **I've absorbed your eye-opening revelation.**

Luke 10.38-39 TPT

³⁸⁻³⁹ As Jesus and the disciples continued on their journey, they came to a village where a woman **welcomed Jesus into her home.** Her name was Martha and she had a sister named Mary. **Mary sat down attentively before the Master, absorbing every revelation he shared.**

- The atmosphere of Martha's home was filled with – or absorbed – the presence of Jesus and all that He spoke.

James 1.21 TPT

So this is why we abandon everything morally impure and all forms of wicked conduct. Instead, **with a sensitive spirit we absorb God's Word, which has been implanted within our nature, for the Word of Life has power to continually deliver us.**

- We take in God's Word into the core of our being. It forms our mindsets and belief system.
- What we absorb produces our testimony.
- What we absorb impacts the nature of who we are.
- What we absorb transforms us.

To Detroit we declare the Word of Life has the power to continually bring deliverance in the streets and communities of this city – deliverance to the structures and spheres of influence in this city. We speak to our city and say, "Absorb the sound of heaven. Receive in your innermost core the testimony of Jesus. Be filled with the fragrance of life, hope and truth. Resound the sound of the King of glory. Release into the nations the sound of life." Detroit soak in, be filled with, immersed in your God-given destiny and purpose. Detroit you are a birthing center and a place where revival will emerge and go out. The words that God has spoken to you Detroit are filled with the power to accomplish His promises – absorb, drink in, be filled with His words of life to you.



To Detroit we prophesy: "There is a FRESH wind blowing in the communities of this city. There is a NEW sound and NEW structure that has come into this place. Detroit continue to GO BEYOND your past, continue to be transformed into the NEW. The restrictions and the boundaries of the old and the past have been broken, new boundary lines have been drawn by the prophetic word of the Lord. There is NEW FREEDOM, so stretch out and absorb ALL that God is releasing to you."



Galatians 5.1, 13, 16-18 TPT reworded for Detroit

¹ Let me be clear, **Detroit you have been set free**—not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! **Detroit, you must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of your past.**

¹³ Detroit, **God has called you** to live a life of freedom in the Holy Spirit. But don't view this wonderful freedom as an opportunity to set up a base of operations in the natural realm. Freedom means that Detroit becomes so completely free of self-indulgence that it becomes God's servant, expressing love in all it does.

¹⁶ Detroit, as you yield freely and fully to the dynamic life and power of the Holy Spirit, you will **abandon the cravings of your old self-absorbed life.** ¹⁷ For your self-absorbed life craves the things that offend the Holy Spirit *and hinder him from living free within you!* And the Holy Spirit's intense cravings hinder your old self-absorbed life from dominating you! So then, the two incompatible and conflicting forces within you are your self-life of the flesh and the new creation life of the Spirit. ¹⁸ But when you are brought into the full freedom of the Spirit of grace, you will no longer be living under the domination of *the old Detroit, but soaring above it!*

Ephesians 5.15-17 TPT reworded for Detroit

¹⁵⁻¹⁶ **So be very careful how you live Detroit,** not being like those with no understanding, but live honorably with true wisdom, for we are living in evil times. Detroit, take full advantage of every day as you spend your life for his purposes. ¹⁷ And **don't live foolishly** for then you will have discernment to fully understand God's will.

Philippians 4.8 NIV reworded for Detroit

Finally, Detroit, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—be absorbed with such things.

1 Thessalonians 1.8a NIV reworded for Detroit

The Lord's message will ring out from you, Detroit, not only in your nation but into the nations of the earth—your faith in God will become known everywhere...

2 Corinthians 3.16-18 NIV

¹⁶ But **whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.** ¹⁷ **Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.** ¹⁸ And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.



2 Corinthians 4.18 NIV reworded for Detroit

So **Detroit fix your eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen**, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Detroit, **ABSORB ALL** that God gives to you. Take it **ALL** in, be gripped by what God is forming in you. **Become what you were destined to be.**

NOW IS HERE!

