



"The entrance of Thy words
giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Being Edified
as One in 2021**

Eph 4:7,12
"...unto everyone of us
is given grace...
for the edifying of the
body of Christ..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC GET INTO THE 2nd QUARTER OF 2021 FOCUSED ON "BEING SOBER, VIGILANT, STEADFAST IN FAITH"

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

"But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
"To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Pet 5:8-11).

The early churches in the New Testament were also being killed, not by virus, but by enemies of the the Lord Jesus and tyranny of those in power. They were kept inside their quarters, not because there was Enhanced Community Quarantine, but because they were being hunted by these enemies. And Peter describes their prime enemy, their adversary, as being the devil, as a roaring lion, walking about and seeking whom he may devour.

But the Apostle tells them to resist the enemy with steadfast faith, with soberness and vigilance. And he further tells them, after they suffer for a time, the God of all grace will make them perfect, stablished and strengthened. And for this, God will be glorified.

Let us, as Lighthouse BBC, consider this truth as we go through the challenges in this pandemic. We recognize the difficulty, the pains, the suffering some of our people experience. But being a church of the Lord Jesus, we have His working in us, and we are taught to work out our salvation from this situation because of His working in us. - PRA

This Sunday, we officially begin our 2nd Quarter Focus, "Being Sober, Vigilant, Steadfast in Faith." This focus remains to be consistent with our annual theme, Being Edified as One in 2021. The COVID19 pandemic we are in, rather than breaking and destroying us, should, by God's grace, bring out from us the effective working of God in our midst.



Pastor Reuben preaches before an almost empty auditorium last Sunday as Lighthouse BBC holds its 2nd Sunday of celebrating 45 years of doing the work of the Lord. The auditorium may be almost empty, but the Lighthouse Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus is filled with thanksgiving as everyone present themselves before God as a living sacrifice.



**Fitly joined,
growing together,
increasing in build
as a body in the love
of Christ.**



**"...fitly joined together...
maketh increase of the body
unto the edifying of itself
in love..."
Ephesians 4:16**

Second Quarter Focus :

"Being Sober, Vigilant, Steadfast in Faith"

"Be sober, be vigilant...resist stedfast in the faith..." (1 Pet 5:8-11).

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

TITLE : OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS

TEXT :

1 Cor 10:12-13, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

1 Thess 3:3-5, "That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain."

INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul overcame temptations. He came out victorious. He made it through after much sufferings, infirmities, tribulations even declared in 2 Cor 12:10, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

In his letter to Timothy, he said, 2 Tim 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Paul's victory is ours also. We are also those who love the appearing of Christ. But how can we also have his victory over temptations that come our way?

A) Consider what Paul went through.

2 Cor 11:23-30, "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness...Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will

glory of the things which concern mine infirmities."

2 Cor 12:5-10, "Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory...And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

In all these things, Paul said, Rom 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

James teaches us in James 1:2-8, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the

trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

What all these mean, we are not without any equipping from God's word so we, as a church, may not give in to the pressures of temptations. The Lord had said, He is faithful Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

But how?

1) Set your mind right. Have the mind of Christ.

Eph 4:23, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind." - to be continued -



The LAVNet and the Lighthouse Media Ministries are proving to be of great value to all the Lighthouse family of churches during this time of pandemic. Top picture shows Brother Edwin Ballesteros and EJ Abante as they handle the control of cameras and the live streaming of the Coming Together in all Lighthouse social media platforms. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben talks with Brother Eric Torres live during last Sunday afternoon's Coming Together. Brother Eric Torres was at the hospital with wife, Mhel Torres.