



"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 LAUNCHES "WATCH" - Workers Assisting and Treating Covid in the Home

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end" Heb 6:10-11).

The past few weeks saw the rise to unprecedented levels of the Covid cases especially in NCR+ area. This situation has complicated the critical conditions in hospitals. Because of this situation, Pastor Reuben convened the Protocol Committee, ALERT and the Health Monitoring Team and discussed the need to extend further our capability to helping Lighthouse families deal with possible Covid cases while they are in their homes. The key to this program is to be able to determine the cases in the earliest time possible.

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" (Gal 6:9-10).

The Lighthouse WATCH will be explained in detail in the Lighthouse Enrichment Class and Pastor Reuben enjoins the attendance of everyone. He will be assisted by Dr Erika Villazor-Isidro, who was appointed by Pastor Reuben as head of the program, and Dr Robert Manaios. As this endeavor is consistent with what the Bible teaches, Pastor Reuben encourages health practitioners to join.

Another ministry for our people is being launched today to address the continuing rise of Covid19 cases in the community. The new ministry is named, Lighthouse WATCH - Workers Assisting and Treating Covid in Homes.



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



Pastor Reuben is joined by the rest of Lighthouse leaders and their families through Zoom as Lighthouse BBC Tatalon held its second on-line only coming together last Sunday. The live streaming continues until today as the cases of Covid19 continue to rise and the ECQ in the NCR+ areas remains. Praise God that the Lord provides means for the Ekklesia to still come together.

Second Quarter Focus :

"Being Sober, Vigilant, Steadfast in Faith"

"Be sober, be vigilant...resist steadfast 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 of 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."

Rom 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

1 Peter 1:13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Phil 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."

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Top photo, Lighthouse BBC families join in the singing as they are led by the PHSS team during the coming together last Sunday. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben meets with the Protocol Committee, ALERT and the Health Monitoring team as they organize the Lighthouse WATCH - Workers Assisting and Treating Covid in the Home. The new ministry will be launched today and details will be discussed during the Lighthouse Enrichment and Development Class. Everyone is enjoined to be present.

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