



"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 TO CELEBRATE MOTHER'S SUNDAY ON MAY 9

"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)" (Eph 6:2).

"...intreat...the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows that are widows indeed" (1 Tim 5:1-3).

We understand that families celebrate Mother's Day and this should only be expected. One need not be a believer in Christ to celebrate the day. But what we do is, we celebrate the day because the Bible teaches us to do so.

Take note that the verses above are written by the Apostle Paul both to the church in Ephesus and to Timothy who became pastor of the same church. It is therefore expected that since Paul was explicit in this instruction, both Timothy and the whole Ephesian church took this instruction from Paul and observed the same with carefulness.

What we are as Lighthouse BBC, we are not simply individuals that comprise this body or Ekklesia that we are. We are also an Ekklesia as families. And the Bible is not lacking in all of what it tells us to be as a church. Paul left no stone unturned in instructing every member of the body to do what he or she should as a member of the Ekklesia. That also applies to us as families.

The letter of Paul to the churches in Rome, particularly that of chapter 16, enumerates households or families. Along with the mention of the households are names of ladies and mothers who have significant roles in the churches that existed then in Rome. Their significance made their names to be forever written in the word of truth!

I am encouraging all our families to be prepared in this coming celebration of Mother's Sunday. We have 2 weeks to prepare. - PRA

As we do every year, as an Ekklesia, we shall be celebrating Mother's Sunday on May 9, to honor and to encourage our mothers in all our related churches and ministries. We may be limited in this period of pandemic, but we are not limited in obeying the word of truth in doing this worthy engagement.

The Bible teaches us in our text that we need to 1) honor mothers, which means to recognize and respect them; and to 2) intreat them, meaning to exhort, encourage them in their being so.

Only God can make a mother. No technology or science do such a thing. This being so, it is also God Who teaches us how to honor, respect, exhort and encourage them in the blessing that God had given them.

We therefore do not observe Mother's Sunday because the whole world does so. Rather, we celebrate the occasion in recognition of the goodness and grace of God in them and use the same so that we can be what we should be before God.

2ND QUARTER FOCUS

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." 1 Peter 5:8-10



This is the picture of mothers that graced the Lighthouse BBC Bulletin issue of May 24, 2020 when we also celebrated Mother's Sunday. We were also under Enhanced GCQ during that time when the occasion was celebrated. Praise God that we continue to do what we should according to the Word!

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."

Rom 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind..." - continued -



Preacher Manny Cuenco is seen leading in prayer as relief goods from Meralco are distributed to the fire victims. The Lighthouse BBC Events Place served as the venue for the distribution of goods to more than 40 families which lost their houses during the fire along Kaliraya Street, Barangay Tatalon, about 350 meters from the premises of Lighthouse BBC.

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