



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

# The Lighthouse BULLETIN

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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 HOLDS FAMILY EMPHASIS SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

"...Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments: and let us arise...and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went" (Gen 35:2-3).

Next week is a great opportunity for us to come together as a church and emphasize that as families, the Lord has been sustaining us during the time of our distress and stays with us wherever we go. With thanksgiving and praise to our God, let our families come together through our on-line live streaming and present ourselves before God.

Our Family Emphasis Sunday starts during the time of our LED to give us ample time to recognize all our families, along with the pictures each has prepared. We continue to minister to our people, extending to each family a 5x7 portrait even during this time of pandemic. We have done the same last year even as we were also under ECQ during that time.

Jacob's declaration in our text above should be one that all heads of our families must be able to say before their members. Take note that when he declared this, he included even those "that were

with him," meaning, everyone in his household, even distant relatives, servants, helpers, those attending to the many affairs of his business. Such should be the leadership and influence of all heads of families especially during our day.

Sometimes, believers are so focused on reaching out to others for them to hear the word of God and know Christ; only to find out that they have neglected the spiritual wellbeing of the very members of their families.

It's our stand as an Ekklesia, that there is no conflict between the work of God and the family. If you remember what Tatay Abante often said, Bring your family to the work of the Lord where they may be steadfast, unmovable and abounding --- and you will never have a conflict between the church, the ministry and the family.

We need such convictions especially today and everybody should know that it should be the head of the family that should have such a determination.

Let us look forward with anticipation of God's working and blessing to our Family Emphasis Sunday next week. Remember, this is only done once in a year. And in a lockdown period where we are right now, this opportunity should not be missed. So while we have this opportunity, let us not be weary in well doing!  
-PRA



3rd Quarter Focus

**Being Joined  
Together, Each  
Part Effectually  
Working to Edify  
the Ekklesia  
in the Love of  
Christ**



Eph 4:16, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

**LIGHTHOUSE W.A.T.C.H**  
WORKERS ASSISTING AND TREATING COVID IN THE HOME

**EQUIP. ENGAGE. EMPOWER.**

August 7, 2021 | 104 participants

THE GREAT LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
Lighthouse Center for Human Resource

Third Quarter Focus :

*"Being Joined Together. Each Part Effectually Working to Edify the Ekklesia in the Love of Christ"*

"...joined together...according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph 4:16).

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

**TITLE : GOD'S CALL AND PURPOSE**

**TEXT : 1 Peter 5:10-11**

“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.”

**INTRODUCTION**

The key to understanding the edifying work of the Ekklesia is in first knowing and understanding the call and purpose of God for His people.

The Apostle Paul says in Eph 1:9-12, “Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself...That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.”

What he says to the Ephesian church is this... It is by knowing the “mystery of His will, His purpose that we can be, as an Ekklesia, to “be to the praise of His glory” - we who have trusted in Christ.

So we do not simply appreciate being saved. We should also appreciate His call, His purpose for our being saved.

Moreover, Paul tells Timothy in 2 Tim 1:9-10, “...Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

**A) God's Calling**

**1) Our Calling**

**a) A calling made before the world began.**

2 Tim 1:9-10, “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began but is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”

**b) A calling that applies to all. Jews and Gentiles.**

1 Cor 1:24, “But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.”

Rom 9:23-26, “And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

**c) A calling that is His as a prerogative. A sovereign act.**

Rom 9:11, “(For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)”

Romans 9:6-16, “Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son. And not only this; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, even by our father Isaac...

As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid. For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

**d) A calling according to His purpose.**

Rom 8:28-30, “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

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