



"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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WELCOME EVERYONE TO THE LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY SUNDAY!

"...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).

they "serve" the Lord. And they think that that simply involves whatever can be done according to things that they can do conveniently.

This period in which we are in is not a period of convenience. Many think that this is not even a period of opportunities.

Today, as we present ourselves to God, firstly as one Ekklesia, secondly as families, even individuals, we recognize the things that should spell this coming together... that of: 1) putting away the strange gods, even things that come between us and the Lord, that destroys our fellowship with Him; 2) being clean, that is, being "worthy of the vocation wherein we are called"; 3) changing your garments, that is, changing our mind sets, renewing the mind and setting our lives in order before God; and 4) making an altar unto God, that is, making sure that whatever we do, we honor, please and glorify Him.

The family pictures that will be presented this morning should show not only the physical looks that we have, but the ready testimony and commitment of every member of our households.

As we come together today, put all these things in mind and desire for edification of all our people, individuals, even families! Blessings!

-PRA

Today we hold our annual Family Emphasis Sunday however we face challenges brought by the ECQ within the NCR+ because of the COVID19 pandemic. And we rise above the physical limitations with the equipping the Lord has given us through the use of digital media. Through this, we come together, joined in heart, mind and spirit, together pressing on so God may be glorified in our midst as He builds us up in the faith, doing the work without murmurings and disputings!

What Jacob said to his household should be something that every head of family should be able to say to all members of the household.

Many heads of families pattern their principles on what Joshua told the house of Israel in Josh 24:15, "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

While this is good to say and even memorize, many families actually do not know what they should do as



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

Coordination Meeting of All Working Teams

August 14, 2021
100+ participants

With the new challenges brought by the Delta variant during this time, the Lighthouse WATCH is further equipped to address the challenges. Praise God for those who commit to be in this ministry!

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"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.

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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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(Lois - 26, Ruth - 33, Eunice - 11, Joshua - 11, Caleb - 18, SWYP - 19, YP - 27)

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