



"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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THANKSGIVING THROUGH FIRSTFRUITS SUNDAY COMES WITHIN A MONTH

"...praise the Lord for his goodness, and for
his wonderful works to the children of men!
...sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
and declare his works with rejoicing"
(Ps 107:21-22).

The Thanksgiving Through Firstfruits, the one
Sunday in the whole year that we come
together as an Ekklesia to offer to God one of
our sacrifices of thanksgiving... this is what we call
Thanksgiving Through Firstfruits.

The pandemic, in which we have been under going
for 17 months now, has revealed the goodness and
grace of God to and in us as His people. While we all
admit that we have seen heavy burdens and struggles
in people around us, even within us, still the Lord
has been seeing us through, even making us strong
to continue steadfastly, unmovable and abounding
in the work of the Lord. This is something that we
should thank and praise God for.

The presence of the Delta variant in the country,
even the Lambda variant, deepens the threat before

us. But we are not without knowledge as to how we
should be protected from them, whatever the
variant, in fact. The Lord has equipped our people,
especially our medical practitioners, in educating
our people physically and emotionally. This is not to
mention that spiritually speaking, the Lord has done
wonderfully in us.

One of the things that we should realize as this
pandemic keeps on and as we continue doing what
we should, the Lord actually, and even more, gives
us more equipping and opportunities in the work of
the Lord. It is amazing that even as we are faced
with more limitations, we rise up with new ideas on
how we should be more effective. Our being peculiar
(above the usual) as a people of God continues to be
manifested in us, because simply, we have been willing
to come forward, presenting ourselves before God.

Let me encourage all our people to focus on the
things that we have been receiving from the Lord
because of His love, grace, mercy, care for us as His
people. Then, we definitely will find many things to
thank Him for!
-PRA



Pastor Reuben and the in-house personnel pose for a picture as about 34,000 Bibles are unloaded from the 20' container, a shipment from the Global Outreach Missions and Bible & Literature Missionary Foundation through Pastor Mark Smith of the Faith Baptist Church in Seattle, WA.



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."

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)

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."

- to be continued -

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."

Table 2: Summary of diagnostic tests for suspected, probable or confirmed Covid-19 disease

EPIDEMIOLOGIC RISK FACTORS	BASELINE DIAGNOSTICS	FINDINGS	FREQUENCY OF MONITORING	OTHER COMMENTS
LOW RISK (Mild disease)				
<i>Mild symptoms, no pneumonia, no hypoxia</i>				
No comorbidities	None needed			Strict home isolation or quarantine in a designated COVID facility
MODERATE RISK				
<i>With pneumonia but not oxygen requiring</i>				
HIGH RISK (Severe or critically ill)				
<i>Pneumonia with SpO2<92, RR >30, SBP<90</i>				
Age >60 years Pre-existing pulmonary disease CKD DM HTN or CVD Transplant	CBC	Leukopenia or normal WBC Lymphopenia	Daily or as frequently as possible	If ALC <0.8, poor prognostic marker
	Complete metabolic panel	ALT/AST elevated Increased bilirubin Decreased albumin		
	Procalcitonin	Usually low or normal ⁽¹³⁾		If elevated, consider other causes
	CRP	If low or normal consider other cause of ARF, or mild disease		* Can be used to track mortality risk (surviving patients)



Dr Ayka Villazor-Isidro discusses the diagnostic tests being done by the Lighthouse Watch in determining the kind of risks people who are enrolled in Lighthouse WATCH are categorized. The LCHR hosted their 2nd Webinar to raise the equipping of our people to extend help.

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