



"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 "BACK TO COMING TOGETHER FOR EDIFICATION" CAMPAIGN

"How is it then, brethren? when ye come together...let all things be done unto edifying" (1 Cor 14:26).

Lighthouse BBC Main in Tatalon will be launching a 5-week campaign which is called "Back to Coming Together for Edification" starting next Sunday, Feb 21 and which will culminate on March 21, the 45th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration.

The campaign will be inter-Districts and is intended to encourage all members in Tatalon to get back to physically come together under the "new normal" with all the necessary safety protocols in place.

The IATF, through its Resolution #99, dated Feb 11 has further relaxed the capacity of church gatherings from 30% to 50% under the GCQ. But this action is of course premised on church having strict observance of protocols such as wearing of face masks, shields, observing hygiene and physical distancing.

Lighthouse BBC even raised these measures up to include fulfilment of Health Declaration Forms, assignment of rooms and disinfection of both premises and vehicles.

Pastor Reuben has directed the Lighthouse Protocol Committee to further make adjustments to allow greater number of Lighthouse members to have the opportunity to physically be present in even Coming Together not only on Sundays but during Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The "Back to Coming Together for Edification" Campaign will allow every Lighthouse District to earn points (on a pro-rata basis) for every attendance and participation of the district members both in the physical Coming Together and those who are in Live Streaming in all Coming Together throughout the week. However, there will be more points earned when members are physically present.

Pastor Reuben will further explain the mechanics of the campaign during the Coming Together this afternoon so everyone may be aware.

Pastor Reuben said, "Our Coming Together since September has proven the effectiveness of our protocols. There is therefore no reason why our people should remain fearful in being present. We all should rise above the limitations brought about by this pandemic and this should be seen in our very presence in our Coming Together."



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"...fitly joined together... maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love..."
Ephesians 4:16



Above picture shows Pastor Reuben and those occupying the main floor area and the north wing balcony during last week's morning Coming Together. Occupied seats are arranged according to protocol.

First Quarter Focus :

"Fitly joined, growing together, increasing in build as a body in the love of Christ"

"...fitly joined together and compacted... 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 : THE BUILDING THAT WE ARE

TEXT :

1 Cor 3:9, "...ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building."

1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

INTRODUCTION

We begin a new series of lessons consistent with our theme for this year, Being Edified as One in 2021.

The word edification refers to the act of building. It is a word that exclusively applies on the spiritual structure that refers to the Ekklesia and concerns its build, growth, promotion, activity as a spiritual body.

The Lord Jesus Christ used the term "build" in describing His work concerning the Ekklesia in Matt 16:18b, "...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Some may refer to the use of the words "build" or "building" as figures or symbols.. But the spiritual establishment of the Ekklesia is not in figures or symbols because indeed, the Ekklesia is not a symbol. It is literally, a spiritual house, a spiritual building. The works that are done in the Ekklesia are not symbols but literal works. They are good works.

A) Our Builder is God.

Ps 127:1, "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Heb 3:1-6, "...consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house. For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."
Heb 11:10, "For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God."

B) We are God's Building, a temple of God, a house, a body, a dwelling place of the Spirit.

The Ekklesia is illustrated using different descriptions as building, temple, house, body in the following verses.

1 Cor 3:9-17, "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

1 Cor 6:19-20, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

2 Cor 6:16, "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

1 Tim 3:15, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

1 Cor 12:12-27, "For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body?

But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: and those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

Rom 12:4-8, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

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Above picture shows Pastor Reuben as how he regularly preaches on a Sunday morning Coming Together and how people occupy both south wing balcony and main floor area.