



"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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THE LIGHTHOUSE BBC 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: A GREAT SACRIFICIAL WORK

"...build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones...every man's work shall be made manifest...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" (1 Cor 3:12-14).

The coming 45th Anniversary Celebration of the Lighthouse BBC is, by itself, a great sacrificial work. We will not come together to feature a sacrificial offering in our celebration. Instead, our coming together on March 21 is actually a great sacrificial work that we will do.

Everyone in Lighthouse BBC must understand that the church or Ekklesia which we are, is a work of the Lord. And in this "work of the Lord" that we are, we do not simply come together to attend or to celebrate like how people view celebrations. Rather, we come together to 'work' the "work of the Lord" that we are.

The Apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." This verse clearly tells us the Biblical injunction given to the Ekklesia to "work" by offering up spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God. Because of this, we all

need to be taught that the sacrificial offering which we will give to the Lord is not simply one of the features of the event but rather, the very work that we do.

The things that unfolded before us during this time of pandemic should teach us that the continuous work that we did in our ministries became more important than our titles, positions, degrees or even length of years as members of the Ekklesia. And it seems that Paul pointed this out before the church in Corinth when he described Timothy as one who "worketh the work of the Lord" (1 Cor 16:10).

Moreover, our text above explicitly teaches that what we build or put on top of the foundation that is Christ are actually works which are described as being gold, silver and precious stones or wood, hay or stubble. The fire of tests and trials will actually reveal whether these works abide like how gold, silver and precious stones do; or they are rendered of no value being wood, hay and stubble.

As we all look forward to our 45th Anniversary and sacrificial celebration on March 21, let us all put into our hearts this Biblical truth. We are not simply having an event to celebrate. Rather, we have a great sacrificial work ahead. - PRA



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



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



Pastors Reuben, Bong Escala and Jojo Cornelios are joined by the leaders and members of the Lighthouse BBC Cainta in this picture during the celebration of the work's founding anniversary.

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. - continued -

C) We are a building built-up by the word of His grace.

Acts 20:32, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

1)The word of His grace for our establishment, cleansing, being set apart for Him (sanctification):

Heb 13:9, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good

thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein."

John 15:3, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

How the word of His grace is laid down as foundation by the Apostles:

1 Cor 3:10, "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."

Eph 4:11-13, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

2)As the Ekklesia is taught the word of His grace, it is rooted and built up in Him:

Col 2:7, "Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

2 Tim 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

3)He are some warnings concerning the attitude of some regarding the word of His grace, which in turn affect the building of the Ekklesia.

2 Tim 4:3-5, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

2 Peter 2:1-3, "But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you..."

2 John 7-11, "For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.

Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

D)We are a building built together on our most holy faith.

Jude 20-21, "But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

1 Cor 14:12,26

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church...

How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

Eph 4:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers."

1 Thess 5:11, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do." - to be continued -



The Lighthouse BBC Taguig with its Lighthouse Riders initiated a Project Joseph which benefitted the Dumagat people who are being ministered to by Lighthouse BBC Outreach led by Pastor Jojie Lamputi. The project was supported by the KYT Taguig Riders. Pictured above, right, Pastor Jojie giving a message to the community. Left, the goods with tarps of the Lighthouse Riders and KYT Taguig.

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