



"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 RESUMES OBSERVANCE OF LORD'S SUPPER ON MAY 18, 25

"For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you...when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me...After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come" (1 Cor 11:23-26).

Let me say as Pastor, that while we will give preference to our members to join the Lord's Supper according to their respective districts, I also encourage those who have not been able to observe, and who may not belong to the scheduled districts, to also join. For as long as our attendance may be within the limits of our protocols, the beautiful ordinance should be open to all our members.

This means, those who are part of the Lighthouse District 1 and 2, but who were not able to join the first schedule, including those who do not belong yet to the next 2 batches, may join. I urge all our Sentinels and Fellowship Leaders to make this known to all our people.

The coming of the Lord is now more evident now than any period in our lifetime. All the things that happen today are but fulfillments of the many descriptions the Lord gives us in His word.

All these should make us realize that we need to observe what He had given to us to do so through the Apostles. Notice what Paul tells the Corinthian church in our text..."For I have received of the Lord that which delivered unto you..." "As often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come."

Let us not be overtaken by His coming and be found that we did not observe this ordinance. - PRA

Finally, after more than two months of waiting because of the Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine period (MECQ) which started just after the first of the series of Lord's Supper last March, we may now resume the observance of the beautiful ordinance of the Lord's Supper this Tuesday, May 18, for Lighthouse Districts 3 and 6 and next Tuesday, May 25, for Lighthouse Districts 4 and 5.

We now enjoy all our people, according to your respective enablement, to make all effort to join the observance of the Lord's Supper this time. It is indeed a blessing for us as a church to be able to "eat this bread, and drink this cup" and show the value of the Lord's death till He comes!



Above picture was taken during the Lord's Supper last March in which the Lighthouse Districts 1 and 2 came and observed. Pastor Reuben is shown leading in prayer just before the observance.

2ND QUARTER FOCUS

BEING SOBER, VIGILANT, STEADFAST IN FAITH

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. 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." 1 Peter 5:8-10

Second Quarter Focus :

"Being Sober, Vigilant, Steadfast in Faith"

"Be sober, be vigilant...resist stedfast in the faith..." (1 Pet 5:8-11).

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

how can we also have his victory over temptations that come our way?

TITLE : OVERCOMING TEMPTATIONS

TEXT :

1 Cor 10:12-13, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

1 Thess 3:3-5, "That no man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto. For verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know. For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain."

INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul overcame temptations. He came out victorious. He made it through after much sufferings, infirmities, tribulations even declared in 2 Cor 12:10, "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

In his letter to Timothy, he said, 2 Tim 4:6-8, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Paul's victory is ours also. We are also those who love the appearing of Christ. But

A) Consider what Paul went through.

2 Cor 11:23-30, "Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness...Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities."

2 Cor 12:5-10, "Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory...And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure."

"For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me."

"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

In all these things, Paul said, Rom 8:18, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

What all these mean, we are not without any equipping from God's word so we, as a church, may not give in to the pressures of temptations. The Lord had said, He is faithful Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it."

But how?

1) Set your mind right. Have the mind of Christ.

Eph 4:23, "And be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

Rom 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove that is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

1 Peter 1:13, "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

Phil 2:5-8, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

1 Peter 4:1-2, "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God."

1 Cor 2:12-16, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

The Lord Jesus was tempted but He did not sin... Heb 4:14-16, "Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin."

Heb 3:7-13, "Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years."

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