



"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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## GCTV HOSTS THE PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE, WHOLE NATION PRAY AS ONE, HEAL AS ONE

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty...I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Tim 2:1-2, 8).

agreed to request our very own Pastor Reuben to be a co-chair of the Program Committee.

Through the initiative of Pastor Reuben, what was first intended to simply be an interfaith event, became an event for the whole nation to come to a recognition that the whole nation, not only the religious, must pray. The program therefore has included all sectors of society, along with various industries, frontliners, LGUs including all branches of the government and various agencies who are responsible in addressing not only the Covid19 pandemic issues, but societal issues as well.

More opportunities came into the ministry of the Lighthouse BBC when a decision was made for the GCTV to host the whole program and for Pastor Reuben and Rhesa Abante-Yebra to be the emcees. What this means is, all the other government radio and TV networks, including broadcast networks which belong to the KBP will get their broadcast links from GCTV.

The Whole Nation Pray as One, Heal as One, will be seen today from 3-6pm nationwide with the whole program coming from the GCTV studio, carried by radio, TV and various social media platforms.

The COVID19 pandemic comes as the most challenging time in our lifetime. But the difficult challenges have also brought to the Lighthouse BBC and our ministries, many opportunities to do the work of the Lord in the area of getting the Gospel of Christ to everyone and being known for how the grace, love and mercy of Christ come to everyone who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Last April 28, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, through the Executive Secretary, instructed the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Religious Affairs to make preparation for a nationwide prayer known as the Whole Nation Pray as One, Heal as One. Upon receipt of the instruction, PA Butch Belgica organized a meeting of various church leaders which in turn,



Pastor Reuben, Rhesa and the rest of the Lighthouse Media members hold a dry-run of the Whole Nation Pray as One, Heal as One program which will be aired nationwide from 3-6pm today, May 30.

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)*

**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."

**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 at 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."

**a) Realize the value of the trial of faith at the appearing of Christ.**

1 Peter 1:3-9, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last

time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

**b) Know the reward of patience.**

James 1:2-5, "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."

Luke 8:15, "But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

1 Peter 5:10, "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."

Gal 6:9-10, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

**c) Know what draws you.**

James 1:12-16, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren."

James 4:1-2, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not."

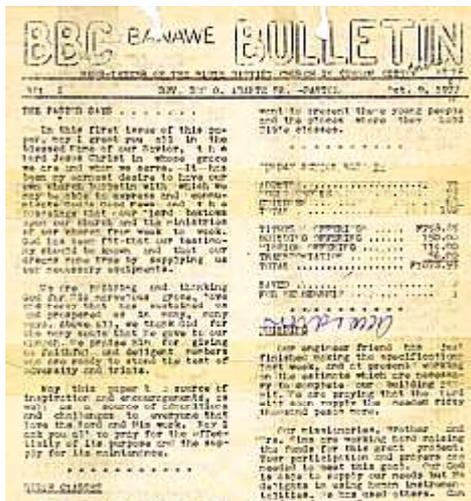
Eph 4:22-23, "That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind."

**d) Consider the example of the prophets.**

James 5:10-12, "Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

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**LIGHTHOUSE BULLETIN NOW BEGINS ITS 44<sup>th</sup> YEAR AS OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LIGHTHOUSE BBC**



With this issue, the Lighthouse Bulletin begins its 44th volume of regular weekly release with every volume having 52 issues. This means, this publication ministry has completed 43 years of regularly ministering to all our people through the print media, now available also through online.

The Lighthouse Bulletin name was adopted in 1995 when the word Lighthouse became an integral part of the name Bible Baptist Church of Tatalon, QC. Before this time, when the church was still in Cardiz Street, Banawe, this publication was known as BBC Banawe Bulletin (left picture).

Praise God for this ministry which has been showing consistency with not being weary in well doing!