



"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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BEING EDIFIED AS ONE – A QUALITY THAT ONLY AN EKKLESIA POSSESS

"...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" (1 Pet 5:10-11).

"...God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work...being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:8,11).

Picking his cue from what the Apostles Peter and Paul wrote, Pastor Reuben emphasized in his message last week that the theme, "Being Edified as One" can only be applied to the Ekklesia

in its function in doing the work of God steadfast, unmovable and abounding.

There is this wrong idea that the term "edified" can apply to one single individual who has grown in the knowledge and grace of God and who has become mature. But one cannot actually show that he is edified without people around him within the sphere of a church or Ekklesia. It is only within the framework of a body (of many parts) that one member can grow and function being a member of the whole structure.

It is interesting that this lesson comes in a time when many members of the church simply accept the fact that the pandemic has made each one limited and content in simply attending virtual coming together. "On the other hand, this pandemic has taught us that we are able to do beyond what we think," Pastor Reuben said.

How Peter and Paul present God and His work in us

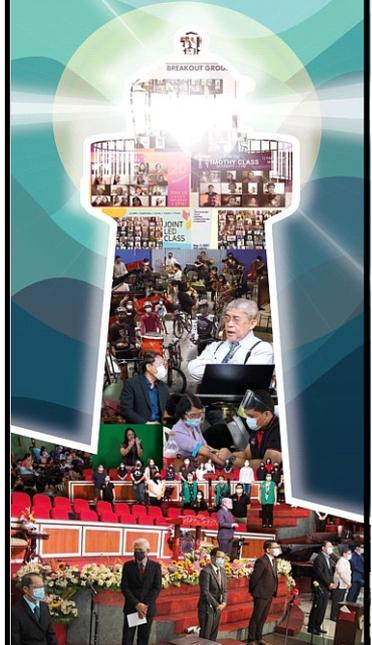
Peter	God of all grace	after ye have suffered	awhile	make you perfect	stablish	strengthen	settle	glory
Paul	God	able to make all grace abound to us	always	having all sufficiency	in all things	may abound	every good work	glory



Members of the LAVNet (Lighthouse Audio, Video, Internet Team) are seen doing their valued work as Pastor Reuben speaks at the platform. Improvements are being done to the LAVNet system.

4th QUARTER FOCUS

**Being Made
Perfect,
Stablished,
Strengthened,
Settled**



1 Peter 5:10 "...the God of all
grace...make you perfect,
stablish, strengthen, settle you."

Fourth Quarter Focus :

"Being Made Perfect. Stablished. Strengthened. Settled"

"...the God of all grace...make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." (1 Peter 5:10)

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

TITLE : A CHURCH EDIFIED IN THE MIDST
OF CROOKED AND PERVERSE
NATION

TEXT : Phil 2:12-16

“Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life”

whether it be to the king, as supreme; rr unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: as free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.”

James 3:17-18, “But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

A) The word of truth gives us an example on how to deal with the government through the story of the Hebrew children in Egypt.

The Lord promised Abraham that he would be a blessing. And this became true not only in his life but also in the lives of Isaac, Jacob, even in the life of Joseph.

Gen 12:2-3, “And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

Gen 45:7-8, “And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.”

Gen 47:5-6, “And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest

any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.”

Gen 50:24-25, “And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence.”

Evidently, while Joseph became a blessing in Egypt, all his brethren did not. They did not follow his example when they had all the opportunity to do so. Pharaoh even instructed Joseph, “If thou knowest any men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my cattle.” But they did not.

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INTRODUCTION

This study is made to equip us as Ekklesia to do the work of the Lord in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation and generation.

The word of truth does not lack in teaching and equipping us as His people on how we should be during these perilous times.

Col 4:5-6, “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.”

1 Thess 4:12, “That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.”

1 Peter 2:13-17, “Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake:



After several months of heightened restrictions, in-person capacity of the Lighthouse Coming Together is slowly being raised again.

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