



"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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## METROPOLITAN, INTERNATIONAL AND LIGHTHOUSE FAMILIES OF CHURCHES TO HOLD JOINT EVENT NEXT SUNDAY

"I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth...I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance..."

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance" (2 Pet 1:12-15).

The families of churches pastored by Tatay Ben Abante's sons, namely, Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia, International Bible Baptist Church and the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, which form the MILE (Metropolitan International Lighthouse Endeavors) will have a joint Coming Together next week, Sep 12 at 3:30PM. The joint coming together will be hosted, of course, by Lighthouse BBC.

The joint coming together will be aired live over GCTV, Ch185 of Signal from 3:30-5pm, live streamed and crossposted in all of the social media platforms of the 3 churches.

It will be remembered that both Tatay Ben Abante and Nanay Priscilla had their homecoming in the

month of September, Sept 6, 1999 and Sept 27, 2008, respectively.

Now, 22 years after Tatay's homecoming, the convictions he had still remains in the hearts of the families of churches which are recipients of his faithful ministry.

For Lighthouse BBC, the joint event will be a good preparation for the Thanksgiving Through Firstfruits on Sep 19, the one Sunday of the year when we come together to offer thanksgiving to the Lord for all things He works in and out in us as Ekklesia, even through the challenges of the now-18-months of pandemic. -PRA

Pastor Reuben launches today, the **Lighthouse PROVE** (Practitioners and Researchers Organized to Validate Evidence), a group designed to provide in-depth study of the many claims circulating in social media related to Covid19 and vaccines.

"It's time to protect our people from being gullible to wrong information regarding these topics. We always want to be of help, not to sow confusion. Praise God for His enabling grace," says PRA.



Pastor Reuben poses with the program team of the Baccalaureate 2021 after the thrilling event last Sunday. Inset, the Baccalaureate 2021 emcees, Shairu and Jumaesa.



3rd Quarter Focus

**Being Joined Together, Each Part Effectually Working to Edify the Ekklesia in the Love of Christ**



Eph 4:16, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

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

TITLE : GOD'S CALL AND PURPOSE

TEXT : 1 Peter 5:10-11

"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. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

**INTRODUCTION**

The key to understanding the edifying work of the Ekklesia is in first knowing and understanding the call and purpose of God for His people. - continued -

**d) A calling according to His purpose.**  
Rom 8:28-30, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.  
For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.  
Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.  
Eph 3:11-12. "According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord..."  
Eph 1:9-12, "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself...That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

**e) A Holy calling.**  
2 Tim 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling..."  
Heb 3:1, "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling..."  
1 Peter 1:15-16, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

**f) A calling to glory and virtue.**  
2 Peter 1:3, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:  
1 Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus..."

**g) A calling from darkness into His marvelous light.**  
1 Peter 2:9-10, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

**h) A calling to the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
1 Cor 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

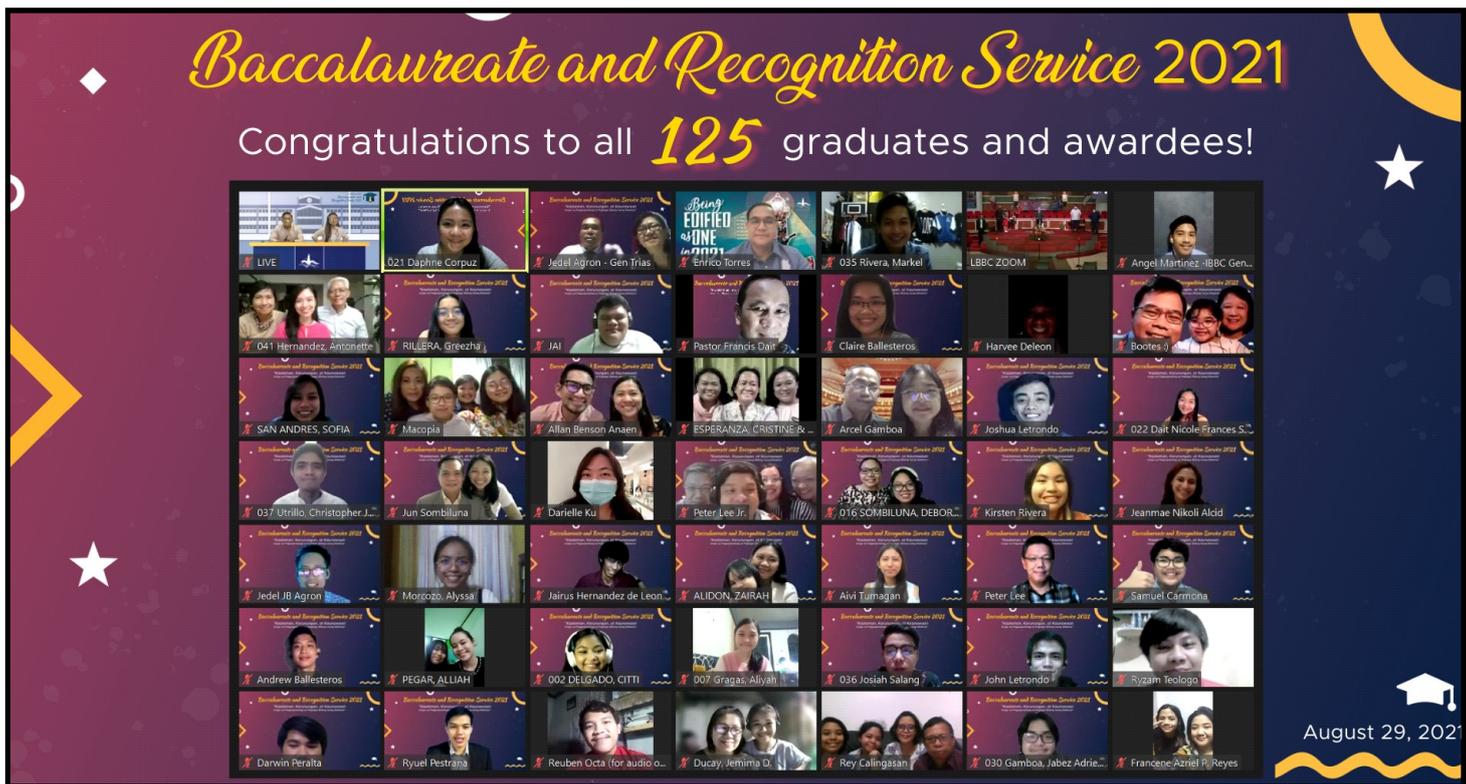
**i) A calling by His grace.**  
Gal 1:15, "But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace..."

**j) A calling by the Gospel of Christ. We realize the call by the Gospel.**  
2 Thess 2:13-14, "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**k) A calling to a blessed inheritance.**  
1 Peter 3:9, "Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."  
Heb 9:15, "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

**B) Our Responsibility to God's Call**

**1) We are to be worthy of the call.**  
2 Thess 1:11, "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power."  
Eph 4:1-5, "...walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.  
There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
- to be continued -



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