



"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- LIGHTHOUSE CHURCHES REMEMBER TATAY BEN ABANTE SR

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye
steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the
work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that
your labour is not in vain in the Lord"
(1 Cor 15:58).

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

Families of churches that belong to the three
ministries, the Metropolitan Bible Baptist
Ekklesia, the International Bible Baptist Church
and the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church will have a
joint Coming Together this afternoon at 3:30pm to
reminisce the life and ministry of Tatay Ben Abante
Sr., along with Nanay Priscilla Abante who, in different
years but in the same month, were taken home by
the Lord, Tatay Abante on Sept 6, 1999 and Nanay
Abante on Sept 27, 2008.

The three leaders of the said families of churches,
namely, Pastors Benny Abante Jr, J Hernes Abante
and Reuben Abante, agreed after the going home of
Tatay, to be together in one endeavor for the Gospel
under the name, MILE, meaning Metropolitan,

International and Lighthouse Endeavors. Every year,
the three families of churches have a joint coming
together to remember Tatay Abante.

The joint Coming Together this afternoon at 3:30pm
will be streamed live in all Lighthouse social media
portals and crossposted in all platforms of
Metropolitan and International. It will also be seen
live on GCTV, Ch185 on Signal from 3:30 to 5:30pm.

While the three families of churches have distinct
ministries, all related works continue to hold the
treasured legacy of Tatay Abante who has been home
with the Lord for 22 years now.

Every time the life and ministry of Tatay Abante is
remembered, one cannot but also remember the life
verse which he often quoted in his many preachings,
and that is no other than 1 Cor 15:58. His emphasis
on lessons on Theology and Baptist Distinctives
continue to linger in the hearts of many Bible Baptists
simply because he endeavoured much in teaching
this subject that like the Apostle Peter, we can say
that his diligence in teaching the subjects enabled
us today to remember the truth even after his
decease. Praise God for Tatay and Nanay Ben Abante,
Sr. - PRA



Pastor Reuben and Sentinel Dick Ku pose with the CWOP Online Teleconsultation Team and some members of the Lighthouse Bikers after the worthy engagement yesterday.



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."

Third Quarter Focus :

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"...joined together...according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, 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 : 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."

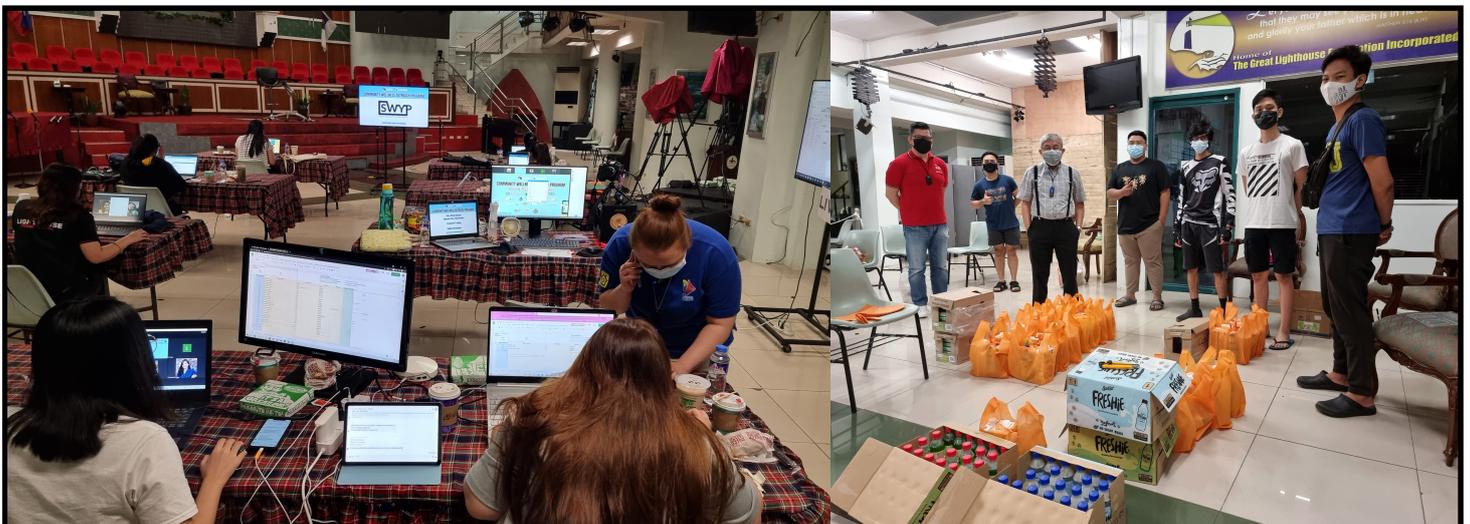
Eph 4:1-5, "...walk worthy of the vocation herewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

2 Timothy 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

Romans 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.

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Left picture shows members of the Single Working Young People (SWYP) busy in their respective workplaces as they do their responsibilities as Zoom agents attending to patients. Right picture, the Lighthouse Bikers get ready to deliver tokens.

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