



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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Being Faithful and True in 2022

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COUNTDOWN TO LIGHTHOUSE BBC'S 46th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEGINS

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Today, all the works related to Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church look forward to a grand celebration of her 46th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration on March 20, 9 weeks ahead.

The theme for our anniversary celebration is, "Faithful and True, Firmly Fixed at 46" something that is also consistent with the church's theme for the year, "Being Faithful and True in 2022."

The Covid19 pandemic, which is on its way into entering its 3rd year in March brings a lot of changes into the doctrines and practices of true New Testament churches of the Lord Jesus. And while everyone is submitted to the fact that we need to learn how to live with this corona virus around, we also see a new kind of attitude permeating in many churches.

As pastor, I have often quoted what the Apostle Paul says as the very reason for our time we live in as being perilous. See what he says, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim 3:1-5).

It is clear from this passage that the conditions of the heart, the mind and the character of people in our generation are things that make this world perilous. And what ushers this change is the coming in of the "new normal" in the minds and hearts of people.

The Lord has not changed His person, even His attributes, purpose, will for us. He continues to be ever loving, merciful, gracious. His holiness and righteousness continue.

But the fact is this...the Lord changes His dealing with His children based on our attitude towards sin, even in our mindset in reference to the worldly influences to our lives.

And this world continues to introduce to God's people more worldly and sinful views, which, in many instances, affect the lives and service of God's very people. This is a fact that we see in all the warnings given by the Lord to the seven churches in Asia which are cited in chapters 2 and 3 of the book of Revelation.

This is the very reason why the Lord tells the church in Smyrna, "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev 2:10).

Let us therefore look forward to the celebration of our 46th year following the admonition in Heb 3:8, "...hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end." And let us take the words of the psalmist, "...the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord. His heart is established, he shall not be afraid..." (Ps 112:6-8).

We have 9 weeks to prepare for our 46th Anniversary and Sacrificial celebration. Let us do so being firmly fixed in what we are as Ekklesia! -PRA

LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

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First Quarter Focus :

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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 IS FAITHFUL AND TRUE

TEXT : Rev 22:6-7

“And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.”

INTRODUCTION

The term Faithful and True are words that are only attributed to God and His word. The whole Bible presents it this way.

Rev 3:14, “And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God.”

Rev 19:11-16, “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True...and his name is called The Word of God...And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.”

Rev 21:5-7, “And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”

But we need to take note that there are two aspects, two sides to our theme this year:

First, that we should be established in the fact that only God and His word are faithful and true. He is the one referred to in our theme as Being Faithful and True. There is no other person referred in the word of truth as being faithful and true but Him.

Second, because we are God's people by faith in Christ, and by His Spirit, His word is set in our hearts, we then can be faithful and true, all on the basis of His being faithful and true.

1 John 5:20, “And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”

Heb 10:22-25, “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

A) He is Faithful. God is truth. His faithfulness is the evidence of His being true.

Deut 32:4, “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

Ps 25:10, “All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.”

For us to know that He is truth, He made a testament, a covenant, a word settled. Without such, we will never find God to be true. God being truth and being faithful are inseparable attributes.

Deut 7:9, “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.”

Heb 6:13-18, “For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself, saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee...”

...God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:”

The writer of the great song Great is Thy Faithfulness delivers this to us. But more so, the writer of Lamentations 3 himself. Lam 3:19-25, “Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. 23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.”

Few people understand that the Bible teaches us that the word of God, both testaments, are settled in heaven. You may not accept this but it is true. We cannot find God to be faithful except that the word of truth be really true in every aspect.

Matt 24:35, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.”

God's word is settled in heaven. It has been in Himself before the beginning of the world.

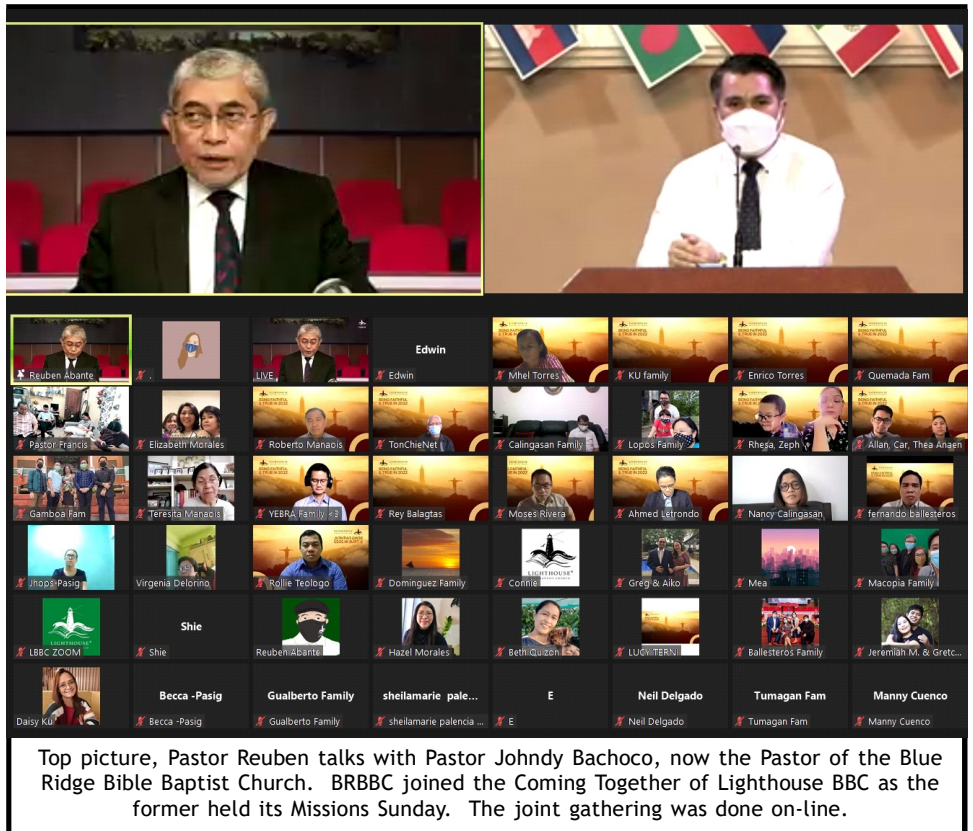
Ps 119:89-91, “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances: for all are thy servants.”

As the word of God placed into existence everything in this universe, the same word sustains and maintains the same!

Read Ps 148:1-13.

Isa 40:26, “Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.

Isa 48:12-13, “Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.” - TBC -



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