

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

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Being Faithful and True in 2022

Rev 22:6,7 "These sayings are

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PASTOR REUBEN ENJOINS EVERYONE TO ATTEND THE MINISTRIES WORKSHOP

"...covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way" (1 Cor 12:31).

"...the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned" (1 Tim 1:5).

Pastor Reuben will be conducting the All-Lighthouse Ministries Workshop on the nights of Feb 9 and 10, Wednesday and Thursday next week and enjoins all members, from the young people to the adults to attend.

Ministries are what all members of the Ekklesia do and because of this, everyone must be enjoined to know the heart and character behind all services under each ministry.

The Bible teaches that the Lord Jesus, when He ascended, gave gifts to men and by it He "filled all

things." Eph 4:8-10, "...When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men....He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)"

Moreover, Eph 4:7 is very clear in saying, "...unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

Now these truths are now placed in the Bible so that we may simply put them to memory. They are written so that as God's people, we might manifest these truths in our lives and in our ministries. I therefore, being your Pastor, enjoin everyone, all members of all our churches and congregations to join our Ministries Workshop this Feb 9 and 10. As God is faithful and true to us, we in turn should be faithful and true to His word in doing what it teaches, Pastor Reuben said.

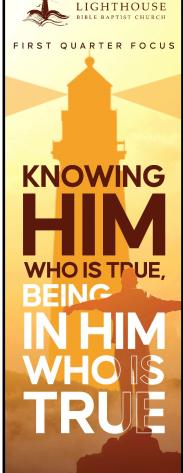


Pastor Reuben answers a question posted by Senator Win Gatchalian during the hearing of Senate Committee on Education, Arts and Culture on Senate Bill 6522, the National Baptist Day Bill as HOR Deputy Speaker Benny Abante, Jr (sponsor of the bill) and Sen Migz Zubiri listen. The committee approved the bill and endorsed the same to the Plenary for final hearing and approval. Pray that the bill may finally become a law before elections in May.

> First Quarter Focus : "Knowing Him Who is True, Being in Him Who is True"

"...that we may Know Him that is true...we are in Him that is true..." (1 John 5:20).

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



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BEING FAITHFUL & TRUE IN 2022

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

We continue with our study of the faithfulness and truthfulness of our God as seen in the many areas that impact our being His people, His Ekklesia.

1) God is Faithful. By His word we are born again.

1 Peter 1:23-25, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever...the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

Titus 1:2-3, ""In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; but hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour."

John 6:63, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

2) God is Faithful. By His word we are washed, cleansed, set apart and drawn to Him.

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."

Eph 5:25-27, ""Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

3) God is faithful. By His word we are enriched and brought into His fellowship.

1 Cor 1:4-9, "I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; that in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

4) God is faithful. By His word we are made able to bear temptations.

1 Cor 10:13, "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."

2 Cor 12:8-10, "For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

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."

James 5:11-13, "Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy. But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms."

2 Cor 4:8-18, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

For we which live are alway delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

So then death worketh in us, but life in you.

We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

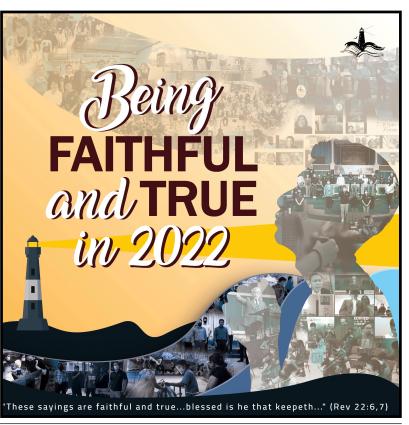
5) God is faithful. By His word we are kept, preserved.

2 Thess 3:1-3, "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you: and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil."

1 Thess 5:23-24, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

6) God is faithful through His word. He is True.

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."



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