



"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 faithful and true... blessed is he that keepeth..."

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A BLESSING-FILLED FAMILY SUNDAY TO EVERYONE!

"And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:7-8).

no gift..." (1 Cor 1:7). This description is highlighted in chapters 12 to 14 of the book where Paul discusses great truth about spiritual gifts.

Then, in 2 Cor chapter 8 and 9, we find the great teaching of the grace of God and how as a church, they were instructed to be abounding in such.

Given these truths which we find in the two books, one cannot but consider how blessed this church is with the involvement of the families earlier mentioned. Aquila and Priscilla, for example, is commended by Paul in Rom 16:3-5 in saying, "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. Likewise greet the church that is in their house."

All these tell us of the importance of establishing whole families in the work of the Lord - one that we, as Lighthouse BBC, emphasize each time we hold our Family Sunday.

We have been looking forward with great anticipation of God's blessings to this Family Sunday. We begin with the recognition of families during our Lighthouse Enrichment and Development Class (LED).

Then, as time allows, we want that all families have the opportunity to have their family pictures taken in our photo studio. But, of course, the greatest privilege is the truth from God's word that will strengthen our families in God's truth & work! - PRA

These verses tell us of the beginning of the great work in Corinth which became the recipient of the two epistles of Paul to the Corinthian church.

It would appear from the narrative in Acts 18 that the nucleus of the church in Corinth were the families of Aquila and Priscilla, of Justus and of Crispus, the latter of which is mentioned as one who "believed with all his house."

One cannot discount how the head of the family can greatly be used of God, not only for the salvation and growth of his own family, but of how others may believe and follow Christ. In reading the above text, one cannot but notice how that after Crispus is described as believing on the Lord with all his house, that the following narrative says, "...and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized."

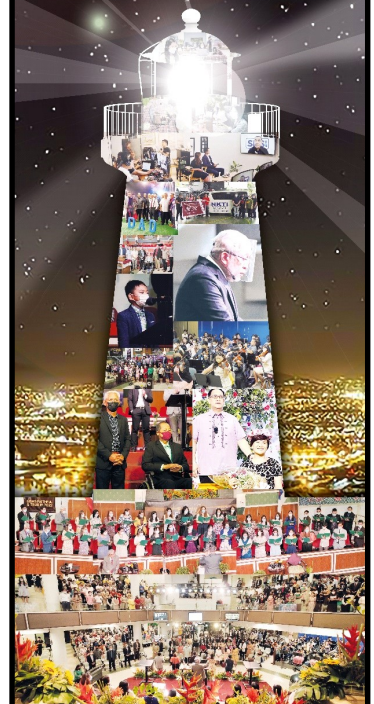
The two letters of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian church bear great truth that every Ekklesia in our day should take note of. This church is described by the Apostle as one church that "...come behind in



3rd QUARTER FOCUS

SHINING THE TRUE LIGHT

"...the darkness is past, the true light now shineth..." (1 Jn 2:8)



Thanksgiving Firstfruits
SEPTEMBER 18 2022
4 WEEKS TO GO!

Third Quarter Focus:

"Shining the True Light"

"...the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 John 2:8).

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

TITLE : THE FAMILY AS INSTITUTION

TEXT :

Matt 7:24-25

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

INTRODUCTION

What is the family as an institution?

1) It is an institution of God.

Ps 127:1-2, "Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep."

2) It is an institution of unity.

Gen 2:22-24, "And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

Mark 3:25, "And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand."

3) It is an institution of authority, honor and respect.

Gen 18:19, "For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

Ex 20:12, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee."

4) It is an institution of teaching and learning.

Deut 6:5-9, "And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates."

5) It is an institution of service.

Josh 24:15, "And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

Ps 101:2, "I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart."

6) It is an institution of faith.

2 Tim 1:5, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also."

7) It is an institution of provision and sustenance.

Luke 11:11-13, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

8) It is an institution of discipline and order.

Heb 12:5-12, "And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

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Top photo, Brother and Mrs Emong Morales giving their testimony last Sunday morning. Lower photo, left, the Lighthouse District 2 as they present during the FOLD. Lower photo, right, the people behind the Milk-letting Drive yesterday. Praise God for His grace in our people!

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