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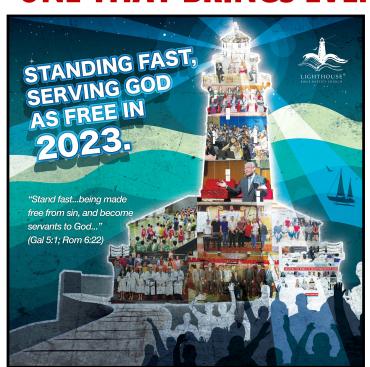
"Standfast...being made free from sin, and become servants to God..."

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A BLESSING-FILLED NEW YEAR 2023 TO ALL AND ONE THAT BRINGS EVEN MORE GLORY TO GOD!



"Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing" (1 Pet 3:8-9).

"...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

"Blessed is every one that feareth the Lord; that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord" (Ps 128:1-4).

"He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation" (Ps 24:4-5).

As we greet each other today a happy and blessing-filled New Year 2023, let us consider that the blessings of God do not come through wishes, declarations of fortune and dispelling of misfortunes and bad omen. We may even sincerely pray for God to prosperously bless us this

new year and support the same with resolutions for ourselves.

But the reality is, the blessings of the Lord come by how His Word becomes true in us and lived by us.

The period from 2020 has been so challenging to all of us, even as a church. And while we thank the Lord for how He has sustained us, kept us, seen us through many heavy burdens, many more challenges confront us.

Let us not therefore be like the rest of the world who simply approach a new year by traditional ways and not after the knowledge of the truth of God's Word.

What we can do is to sincerely come to terms with the Lord and renew our commitment to Him as His people.

- Pastor Reuben Abante

Greeting you all a blessing-filled New Year 2023! May we all stand strong in the liberty in which the Lord placed us as servants in His Vineyard!

First Quarter Focus:

"Standing fast in the faith and being strong.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor 16:13).



Scenes from the All Lighthouse Family Camp 2022: The SWYP (as lead) and LYF (top photo); the Pastors, PMs, Sentinels and Color Leaders (2nd row left), the color Orange Team who took the Over-all 2nd place (2nd row right); the All Lighthouse Family Camp 2022 Champion, color Yellow Team (3rd row); and the All Lighthouse Family Camp 2022 delegates (last row). Praises to God for a blessing-filled event!