



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

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Serving God
as free in 2023.**

**Galatians 5:1;
Romans 6:22**

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC BEGINS COUNTDOWN FOR 47TH ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION

"I have all, and abound: I am full, having received...the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:18-19).

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20).

Eight weeks from now, on March 19, we will be holding our 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration as Lighthouse BBC. Today, we officially begin our countdown and give diligence to doing a good preparation for a significant anniversary and sacrificial celebration.

As a church, we take the model of the Antioch church which manifested the Grace of God in them. Acts 11:22-23 says, "...and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who,

when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord."

At the very beginning of the church in Antioch, they already showed the grace of God in them, so much so that it was grace that was initially seen by Barnabas during his very arrival in the city.

The Antioch church could not have manifested the grace of God had they not known the same from the very beginning. This knowledge of the grace of God in Jesus Christ is something that we also should know.

The Apostle Paul in 2 Cor 8:9 says, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

Much of what we know about the grace of God to us is we are merely recipients. But the knowledge that the Apostle Paul says refers to the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ as giving. That He left His glory that they we may be given heavenly riches!

This is what we should know of the grace of God as we prepare for our coming anniversary and sacrificial celebration. - PRA



Members of our Pastor's Men and Burden Bearers begin to learn golf in preparation for the Lighthouse Open Golf Tournament on Feb 17 at the Forest Hills Golf and Country Club in Antipolo. This tournament is for the benefit of The Great Lighthouse Foundation Inc.

LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

STANDING FAST
in the Faith,
and being STRONG

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1 CORINTHIANS 16:13

**STANDING FAST,
SERVING GOD AS FREE
IN 2023**

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).

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

TITLE : **STANDING FAST, SERVING GOD AS FREE IN 2023**

Text : "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal 5:1).

INTRODUCTION

THE LIGHTHOUSE BBC ANNUAL THEME

Our theme for the whole year 2023 is "Standing Fast, Serving God as Free in 2023"

Our tagline that goes with the theme is "Standfast...being made free from sin, and become servants to God..."

The key verses that go with the annual theme are:

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage" (Gal 5:1).

"...now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" (Rom 6:22).

"As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God" (1 Pet 2:16).

SYNOPSIS OR BRIEF OF THE THEME

Standing fast - We need a platform in which we should be able to stand as God's people, as Ekklesia. On this platform we stand fast. We climb the stairs to this platform, ready, equipped by what we have learned.

On this platform is our Service to God. It is on this platform where we are to stand and there to stand fast. These are two distinct things. We are primarily servants of God. We are not servants for our own selves. And while we want to serve people, we are first of all, servants of God. It is to Him that we appear first and foremost. Not before people. And we have been freed to be such. We need to make a good performance of our being made His servants.

As such, we need to be freed from many reservations, doubts, double-mindedness, disappointments, limitations, weaknesses of our whole being, of our spirit, soul and body.

We need to be freed from wrong concepts of how to deliver our services, our ministries. We need to be reminded that on that platform of our services, we need to give ourselves wholly, even sacrificially, being willing to give rather than take. We need to be intentional.

FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

Our Focus for the 1st quarter of this year is:

"Standing fast in the faith and being strong."

The Key verse that go with this focus is "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor 16:13).

LESSON

A) The Challenge to Stand Fast

1 Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1 Peter 5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein all of you stand.

2 Corinthians 1:24 Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith all of you stand.

Ephesians 6:11-17, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be



able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Phil 4:1, "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved."

1 Cor 16:13-14, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity."

Phil 1:27-29, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake."

2 Thess 2:15, "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle."

B) The Challenge to Serve the Lord as Free

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 6:18, "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness."

Rom 6:22, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."

Romans 7:18-25, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: but I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"

25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

1 Cor 7:22-23, "For he that is called in the Lord, being a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, being free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men." KJV

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