



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

# The Lighthouse BULLETIN

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Serving God  
as free in 2023.**

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

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## 47<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION COMES IN 7 WEEKS

"...that thou shouldest set in order the things that are wanting...as I had appointed thee" (Titus 1:5).

"...that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come" (1 Cor 11:34).

have the sense to set in order themselves, all the members and everything they do so that everyone may stand perfect and complete before God.

Our preparation for our 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration considers all these. We want to especially consider that we should be ready with our respective commitments of sacrifice to God for His work. Let us all consider these. - PRA

These seven weeks before our 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration, we diligently take to ourselves everything that must be done so we may be set in order before God and worthily come before Him in thanksgiving and sacrifice.

We do not just prepare to have a good program during our big day as an Ekklesia. We prepare so that we may come before our God and stand before Him "perfect and complete in all the will of God" (Col 4:12).

The Apostle Paul instructed Titus to set in order the things that are wanting in the churches in Crete. He also admonished the Corinthian church that they should have the sense to set in order the way they observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, even telling them that he would set in order the rest of the things when he would come. What this means is, every Ekklesia, even in our day, must



The Dorcas and Phoebe LED Classes are shown above having their F2F classes.



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 CORINTHIANS 16:13**

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**47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** | **March 19 2023**

Standing Fast, Serving God as Free in 2023

**Just seven (7) weeks to go. Let us all be ready with our Sacrificial Offerings.**

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.

## 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.

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."

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

Gal 5:13, "For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another."



Pastor Reuben led fourteen (14) pastors who are part of the Baptist Riders United in a North Luzon Loop Ride from Monday morning to past midnight of Thursday last week. They visited churches from Nueva Vizcaya, Isabela, Cagayan, Ilocos Norte, Ilocos Sur, La Union, Tarlac and Pampanga. Above picture shows two works: Hosanna BBC in Bacarra, Ilocos Norte and Lighthouse BBC Mission in Santiago, Isabela.

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