

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



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## Standing fast, Serving God as free in 2023.

Galatians 5:1; Romans 6:22

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

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"The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord...Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established" (Prov 16:1,3).

"Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart..." (Ps 10:17).

he most important thing we can do as a work of God within these few weeks before our 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration, is to be prepared in heart. The truth is, our celebration is not just an event but a coming together to present ourselves before God.

It was noted during the Ministries Workshop last week that the presentation of bodies before God is not done once in a lifetime but something that is done each time we go before Him (Rom 12:1). As noted, we present to God our bodies as living sacrifice (as one), holy and set apart for Him and sincerely pleasing Him in all things.

This is not therefore merely a preparation of program or facilities but a preparation of the heart.

Let us all be much in prayer, being humble before Him, aiming to do His will, committing ourselves and our works to Him. His promise will be true - thy thoughts or plans - PRA shall be established!



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

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

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#### TITLE : STANDING FAST, SERVING GOD AS FREE IN 2023 Texts :

"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).

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom 12:1).

### INTRODUCTION

Our reasonable service to God is said to be based on all the mercies of God to us. The whole of Rom 8 teaches this.

1) The mercy of no condemnation (v.1).

Rom 8:1, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

We have been freed from the slavery of sin and its eternal consequences.

2) The mercy of sonship (v.14-17).

Rom 8:14-17, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and jointheirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together."

We have been freed from being eternally fatherless.

#### 3) The mercy of future complete redemption (vs. 18-23).

Rom 8:18-23, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

We have been freed to receive full redemption.

4) The mercy of the Spirit's work in us and for us (vs. 26-27).

Rom 8:26-27, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

We have been freed from being alone and not having someone to guide and intercede for us.

5) The mercy of God's care for His own (v. 28).

Rom 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

We have been freed from empty and vain prospects of everything we do.

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