



"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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC GEARS UP FOR THE 47th ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION IN 3 WEEKS

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Lu 9:51).

"And they were in the way going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed, they were afraid" (Mark 10:32).

We now enter a critical time in our preparation for our 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration which comes in 3 weeks. This is the period in which we all should have a steadfast and determined attitude in being prepared.

We are not simply looking forward to an event, as some may do. But we look forward to being able to offer to God a sacrifice, "an odour of sweet smell, acceptable and well-pleasing to God" (Phil 4:18).

We all know that as an Ekklesia, we are described to be lively stones, built as a spiritual house, a holy priesthood "to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5).

To have such qualities as Ekklesia is not common in our time. But "God is able to make all grace abound in us so that having all sufficiency, we may "abound to every good work" (2 Cor 9:8). And

indeed, even after we may suffer awhile, the God of all grace will make us "perfect, established, strengthened, settled" (1 Pet 5:10).

The Lord Jesus, in our text, shows the example of steadfastness even as He looked forward to the final sacrifice that He would do. And take note that as He was steadfast, those who were with him, being amazed at His determination and steadfastness were afraid.

But fear is one of the things we need to be freed from. Our church's annual theme and 1st quarter focus emphasize this truth.

Let us therefore set aside the things that easily discourage us, even distract us from making a good preparation. Let us instead, take the example of our Lord in being steadfast as He looked forward to a sacrifice. - PRA



Pastor Reuben (extreme left) presents his objection before the Committee on Women and Gender of the House of Representatives against the SOGIE Bills. Also seen in the photo are Representatives Benny Abante Jr and Eddie Villanueva extreme right. Other evangelical leaders as Bishop Noel Pantoja of PCEC and Pastor Peter Tanchi of CCF also presented their objection to the Bills.

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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
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First Quarter Focus:

"Standing fast in the faith and being strong."

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"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

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 Romans 8 teaches this. - continued -

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.

6) The mercy of God's purpose for us (vs. 29-30).
Rom 8:29-30, "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."
We have been freed from being without purpose.

7) The mercy of God's promises (v.32).
Rom 8:32, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?"
We have been freed from not receiving anything freely.

8) The mercy of God's justification (v. 33).
Rom 8:33, "Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth."
We have been freed from anything that can accuse us before God.

9) The mercy of Christ's intercession (v.34).
Rom 8:34, "Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."
We have been freed from not having someone by our side when accusations come.

10) The mercy of the saint's eternal security (vs. 35-39).
Rom 8:35-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
We have been freed from all insecurities and fear.



Clockwise from top left to lower right photos, The Great Lighthouse Foundation, Inc (TGLFI), holds its first Blood Letting Drive for the year with Pastor Rene Moralde and men from Lighthouse BBC Marikina joining the more than 40 others who donated blood. Lower left, Pastor Reuben, as head of Blue Falcon Honor Society and officers of V Mapa High School Alumni Association present the 100th Anniversary marker.

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