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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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47th ANNIVERSARY and SACRIFICIAL **CELEBRATION JUST 2 WEEKS AWAY**

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps" (Matt 25:1-4).

or a number of weeks now, we have been admonishing all members of Lighthouse BBC to be prepared for our forthcoming 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration which comes in just 2 weeks.

And while we admit that indeed there are many challenges each and everyone confronts in the many areas of our lives, it is still true that as a spiritual house, we need to come before God prepared to offer a sacrifice. The Lord, through the Apostle Peter, teaches us, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5).

Moreover, the Apostle Paul, in 2 Cor 8:8, tells the Corinthian church to "prove the sincerity of your love." And we know that the love of Christ, according to 1 Cor 13:7, "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.'

Let us then be like the wise virgins, who as they looked forward to the great day when they would stand before the bridegroom "took oil in their vessels with their lamps."

Let our lamps be lit brightly as we come before the Lord on March 19 and celebrate our 47th Anniversary and Sacrificial Offerings. Reminding everyone, too, of our Lord's Supper these next Tuesdays, March 7



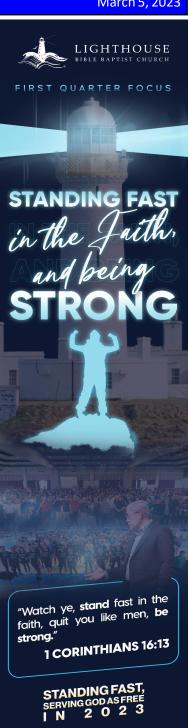




Lighthouse BBC last Sunday morning. The SLC Asia was held at the SMX Pasay last week.

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).



ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 02.05.2023-01

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

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.



Top left photo, PM/Sentinel Dick Ku supervises the Blood Extraction Drive yesterday which was extended to about 300 people, the biggest number of recipients of this service. Top right, the workers pose for a picture after the drive. Lower photo, the Lighthouse BBC Cainta brethren as they celebrated their 23rd founding anniversary last week. Praise God for how Lighthouse ministries move forward!