

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



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

<u>Galatians 5:1;</u> <u>Romans 6:22</u>

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

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# LIGHTHOUSE BBC HOLDS 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER JOINT COMING TOGETHER NEXT SUNDAY

"...hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end...

...Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward (Heb 3:6b; 10:35).

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil 2:13).

he Lord has proven Himself to be true according to His Word throughout our history as an Ekklesia. There is therefore every reason us to take hold of His Word with much confidence, showing assurance, even boldness until His return.

This confidence and boldness should be a quality that must be seen in all Lighthouse BBC works as we steward His manifold Grace to each one - something that we all want to settle ourselves into as we go into the second quarter of the year with the focus, "Standing fast, holding fast the confidence steadfast unto the end."

Here's encouraging all our people to be present as we have our 2nd quarter joint coming together next week.





Pastor Reuben preaches before a filled building at the 20th Founding Anniversary of Lighthouse BBC Taytay, Palawan under Mission Pastor Arnel Dalumpines. Pastor Reuben had three full days in Palawan as he spoke before pastors both in Taytay and in Puerto Princesa last week.

> Second Quarter Focus: "Standing fast... Holding fast the confidence steadfast unto the end."

"...hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm...steadfast unto the end" (Heb 3:6,14).

SECOND QUARTER FOCUS STANDING FAST ... HOLDING FAST THE CONFIDENCE UNTO THE ...Hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm...steadfast unto the end." Hebrews 3:6 & 14

Inst week.

STANDING

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

## TITLE : MOVING FORWARD - WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS EKKLESIA Texts :

#### Rev 1:9-11

9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

11 Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea.

#### INTRODUCTION

The letter of the Lord Jesus to the 7 churches in Asia Minor written by the Apostle John are good instructions for us, even today, as we move forward to years ahead after seeing the faithfulness and truthfulness of God and His Word to the Lighthouse BBC.

We take that these instructions are also for us to hold fast to even in our day... (continued)

B) To the church in Smyrna: "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev 2:10).

#### - Be fearlessly faithful until He comes.

Acts 20:24, "But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Acts 21:13-14, "Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done."

2 Tim 4:5-8, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand.

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

James 1:12, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." 1 Peter 5:4, "And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."

C)To the church in Thyatira: Rev 2:24-25, "But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. But that which ye have already hold fast till I come" (Rev 2:25).

#### - Value what you already have till He returns.

1 Cor 11:23-26, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you...that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come."

Rom 12:6-8, "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness."

1 Peter 4:10-11, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

2 Cor 6:1, "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain."

D)To the church in Sardis: "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee," (Rev 3:2-3).

- Keep using what you have learned.

2 Tim 3:14-17, "...continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

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Left photo, the children that belong to the Lighthouse Outreach for Community Kids (LOCK) of Lighthouse BBC Palawan Mission do their presentation during the Founding Anniversary Celebration. Pastor Reuben was especially pleased with how the Young People lead the children that he presented them before the congregation with the instruction for them to be in Tatalon for further training.

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