

"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 BAPTIST CHURCH

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"...as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I

have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me" (1 Cor 4:14-16).

eing a father is not simply having such designation and title. It is something that is taken with recognition of solemn responsibility in action, and that towards a higher purpose. And the real measure of that responsibility is having the recognition that fathers are to be followed after and imitated.

It is always mentioned by many, Like father, like son. But consider this: How many fathers would really like their children to imitate them in their faith?

It is so easy to tell children that they should do this and that, especially in the aspect of manifesting truthfulness to Christ and His word. But few would be able to show sincerity and be able to say, Be like me in how I show my faith and love for Christ, His Word and His work.

Actually, children follow what we do. So, even if we instruct them something, they simply imitate what we do. If we lack in manifesting faith in what we do, then they imitate us and become faithless.

But Paul not only says, Be ye followers of me. He also says to the Corinthian church, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ" (1 Cor 11:1).

Then to the Philippian church, he says, "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample" (Phil 3:17).

And to the Thessalonian church, he says, "For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us" (2 Thes 3:7-9).

The best fathers are those who can be imitated! Be present next week as we observe Fathers Sunday!





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).

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

#### ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 05.27.2023.01

TITLE: WAY TO BE A BLESSING

Texts : 1 Peter 3:8-9

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:

9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

#### INTRODUCTION

The Bible teaches us that as children and people of God in His work, we have been blessed. And because we have been blessed, we are to be a blessing.

God's Word also teaches us the ways to be a blessing. - continued -

#### 5) Vivification

When the life which God has put within us is made to be a well of water springing up unto everlasting life.

John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

John 4:14, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."

1 Thessalonians 1:5-10, "For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

Rom 5:21, "That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

This is carried on every day in what is called "perseverance," by which the Christian is preserved and continues in a gracious state, and is made to abound in good works unto the praise and glory of God; and it culminates or comes to perfection, in "glory," when the soul, being thoroughly purged, is caught up to dwell with holy beings at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

But while the Spirit of God is the author of sanctification, yet there is a visible agency employed which must not be forgotten. "Sanctify them," said Jesus, "through thy truth: thy word is truth.

The passages of Scripture which prove that the instrument of our sanctification is the Word of God are very many. The Spirit of God brings to our minds the precepts and doctrines of truth, and applies them with power. These are heard in the ear, and being received in the heart, they work in us to will and to do of God's good pleasure. The truth is the sanctifier, and if we do not hear or read the truth, we shall not grow in sanctification. We only progress in sound living as we progress in sound understanding. "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." Do not say of any error, "It is a mere matter of opinion." No man indulges an error of judgment, without sooner or later tolerating an error in practice. Hold fast the truth, for by so holding the truth shall you be sanctified by the Spirit of God.

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p photos, four of the seven teams from select Lighthouse-related mission works and churches pose for a picture. The 7 teams are Cainta Overcomers, General Trias Generals, Marikina Conquerors, Pasig Stalwarts, Taguig Ballers, Tatalon Vikings and Tatalon Hunters (LOCK). Lower photo, Pastor and some leaders inspect the Lighthouse MGC site. Groundbreaking and inauguration is set on July 4, Tuesday.

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