

MESSAGE

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Theme	:	Being Made Perfect, Stablished, Strengthened, Settled
Venue	:	Lighthouse BBC Tatalon / Online Live Streaming
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TITLE	:	BEING EDIFIED
Text/s	:	

Acts 9:31

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12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

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Bible Reading :

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17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

20 But ye have not so learned Christ;

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
27 Neither give place to the devil.
28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.
29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

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Song/s :

- To God Be the Glory
- The Solid Rock
- He Keeps Me Singing

Other references :

Instructions :

INTRODUCTION

The words edify, edified, edifying and edification are exclusively, New Testament words and are only applied to churches.

Here is what we find out concerning these words:

Occurrences:

➤ Edified (2 times)

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1 Cor 14:15-17

15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not **edified**.

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➤ Edify (3 times)

Rom 14:19

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1 Cor 10:23-24

23 All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not.

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1 Thess 5:11

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➤ **Edifieth (3 times)**

1 Cor 8:1-3

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3 But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

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1 Cor 14:4

4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

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➤ **Edifying (8 times)**

1 Cor 14:5

5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

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Eph 4:29

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1 Tim 1:3-4

3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,

4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.

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➤ Edification (4 times)

Rom 15:2-3

2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

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1 Cor 14:3-4

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2 Cor 10:8

8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:

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2 Cor 13:10-11

10 Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

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BODY

Some truths about the significance, use and application of the words

➤ Meaning

NT:3618

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<END GREEK> oikodomeo (oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from the same as NT:3619; to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm: KJV - (be in) build (-er, -ing, up), edify, embolden.

NT:3619

<START GREEK>oi)kodomh/

<END GREEK> oikodome (oy-kod-om-ay'); feminine (abstract) of a compound of NT:3624 and the base of NT:1430; architecture, i.e. (concretely) a structure; figuratively, confirmation: KJV - building, edify (-ication, -ing).

NT:3620

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The screenshot shows a Greek-English parallel Bible interface. On the left, the text of Acts 9:31 is displayed in Greek (Acts 9:31) and English (KJV). The right side shows the Strong's entry for NT:3618, which is defined as "οἰκοδομέω" (oy-kod-om-eh'-o); from the same as NT:3619; to be a house-builder, i.e. construct or (figuratively) confirm. It also includes the KJV definition: "building, edify (-ication, -ing)". Below this, the entry for NT:3620, "οἰκοδομή" (oy-kod-om-ay'), is shown, along with its definition and the KJV definition: "building, edify (-ication, -ing)".

➤ Pauline in nature

○ First use

Acts 9:26-31

26 And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple.

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

30 Which when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

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Paul refers to an authority to edify

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- Letter to Timothy

➤ Only applied to churches, Gentile churches especially

- Churches in Judaea, Galilee, Samaria
- Thessalonica
- Corinth
- Ephesus
- Churches in Rome

It is interesting to note that when the Lord uttered the words...

Matt 16:18

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. KJV

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➤ Used in relation to words like

- Confirm, confirming

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Acts 14:21-23

21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
22 Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.
23 And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.
KJV

Acts 15:40-41

40 And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God.
41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.
KJV

- Establish

2 Thess 2:16-17

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace,
17 Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.
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- Embolden, empowerd, strengthened, settled

1 Peter 5:10

10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.
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➤ Used according to following virtuous words

- **Love**

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- **Grace**

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- **Unselfishness (Expediency, pleasure and profitability of others)**

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