



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

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**Being Well Pleasing in 2017**

**Heb 13:21**

**"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight..."**

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## STAND FAST IN ONE SPIRIT, STRIVE TOGETHER WITH ONE MIND FOR THE FAITH OF THE GOSPEL

*"...let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..." (Phil 1:27).*

For twenty-six days, a little more than three weeks, I shall be physically absent from your presence as I go, along with my family, to the US to minister to some of our Lighthouse BBC related works there, including some new friends in the ministry. As I do, I leave behind this passage, written by the Apostle Paul for the church in Philippi.

A good paraphrase rendition of the above passage would go this way, "That I may hear this of you: that you are standing firm in united spirit and purpose, striving side by side and contending with a single mind for the faith of the Gospel."

One of the things I thank God for in our Lighthouse BBC people is, the clarity in our understanding of what we should be as an Ekklesia, especially in respect to how we want God to be pleased with what we do together. And the only thing that we should remember is, to relentlessly do as we should with one spirit and one mind, standing firm and striving side by side, contending for the faith of the Gospel of Christ.

Do pray as the International BBC in San Leandro, California, celebrates their 29th Anniversary next Sunday, May 7 with the theme, "Not I but Christ" (Gal 2:20). This week, too, they will have their conference and your pastor stands as one of the main speakers.



*"...the God of peace... make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight..." - Hebrews 13:20-21*

Do also pray for things in my itinerary as being at the World Summit for Persecuted Christians in Washington DC, the several preaching engagements in at least five churches around the Los Angeles area, and the launching of the CD Album, SIYA, as produced by Ner de Leon on May 20.

Even now, I praise and thank God for our men who will take turns in filling up my pulpit faithfully and courageously.



The Lighthouse Single Working Young People (SWYP) dramatizes how the people of God in the New Testament Church should be like soldiers in their commitment and dedication to the different ministries so they may please their Commander-in-Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Second Quarter Focus :**

***Being Well Pleasing in Every Good Work***

Heb 13:21, "...perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight..."

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

TITLE : THE CHURCHES SHOULD DO IN RELATION  
TO THE COMING OF THE LORD JESUS  
CHRIST  
TEXT : 1 THES 4:1-18

### INTRODUCTION

Nowhere in all the writings of the Apostle does he give more details concerning the rapture of the believers than in the 4th chapter of 1 Thessalonians. And in relation to this coming of Christ he discusses some solemn responsibilities that every true New Testament Church should realize.

#### A) The challenges given to the Ekklesia in view of the coming of the Lord Jesus (vs 1-12)

- 1) What the Ekklesia should do
  - To walk and to please God (v 1)
  - To abound more and more
- 2) How this should be done (vs 3-12)
  - By knowing His will (v 3). His will is seen in the things that set us apart to Him. When a believer lives a sanctified life, meaning, he lives and shows in his life how he is set apart to Christ, then it becomes clear that he knows His will for him.
  - By abstaining from fornication (v 3). This is a reference to sexual sins, in general.
  - By not defrauding his brother and taking advantage of him, especially in matters of business (v 6)
  - By loving his brother (v 9,10)
  - By taking care and being responsible for your own affairs (v 11)

- By earning your own living and learning to sustain your own self (v 12)

#### B) The chronology of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ during the rapture (vs 13-18).

In this passage, Paul answers a question that had bothered the Thssalonian believers especially concerning the death of their loved ones because of persecution. Doubtless, they have learned from Paul many great truths when he was with them. But since his departure, many of the believers had died. Because of this, they needed to be taught even more so they may be comforted and even made stronger to work the ministry.

- 1) A realization.  
1 Thess 4:13, "...I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope."
- 2) A repose.  
1 Thess 4:14, "For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."
- 3) A revelation.  
1 Thess 4:15, "For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep."
- 4) A return.  
1 Thess 4:16, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God..."
- 5) A resurrection.

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CAFE TV TALK  
SHOW and MGA  
MUNTING ILAW  
every Saturday;



and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on CIGNAL. Both these programs are seen every 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm on said days. The Mga



Munting Ilaw Kids Show is seen every Saturday and Sunday, 12n and 5pm. To view the programs in

YouTube, simply search for the Lighthouse BBC Channel. Also check the Great Commission TV FB Page.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES, "THE PULPIT", PARTICULARLY, THE MORNING PREACHING, WILL BE AIRED LIVE FROM 11AM TO 12NOON OVER GCTV, CH 185 ON CIGNAL.

- 1 Thess 4:16, "...and the dead in Christ shall rise first..."
- 6) A rapture.  
1 Thess 4:17, "...Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds..."
- 7) A reunion  
1 Thess 4:17, "to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."
- 8) A reassurance.  
1 Thess 4:18, "Wherefore comfort one another with these words."



Top photo, Pastor Reuben as he preaches at the anniversary services of the Nasugbu Bible Baptist Church. Lower photo, the Lighthouse Single Working Young people dramatizes the should-be-trait of the believers in the Ekklesia as soldiers of the Lord Jesus.

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