



"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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC OBSERVES MOTHERS SUNDAY ON MAY 28

"...Intreat...the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity. Honour widows that are widows indeed"(1 Tim 5:1b-3).

There is no other institution on earth that rightly teaches the way to respect, honor and value women other than the New Testament Church or the Ekklesia, be they elderly or young. And this can indeed be said of the institution because it is where the Word of God is taught, believed and obeyed the way it should be. There is therefore no other people more respectful of women than those who know the Lord and the truth of God's Word.

The word, "intreat" in our text also means "exhort or beseech." In our day, this may be equivalent to the term being used in courts as "respectfully pray" or in business, "respectfully request."

While everybody in the Ekklesia should be teachable, Titus, for his part was instructed by the Apostle Paul to use "sound speech" when he wrote him to say, Titus 2:1-5, "...speak thou the things which become sound doctrine...the aged women...be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed."

Phoebe, of Cenchræa was commended by Paul before the believers in Rome as he wrote in Rom 16:1-2, "I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchræa: that ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also."

Such is the way we, as a church, would like to greet and honor mothers as the



world celebrates Mother's Day today. And so, I say to all mothers in our services today, Be encouraged in the Lord to faithfulness, holiness and virtue.

However, I take the liberty to move our recognition of mothers to May 28, when, the Lord willing, I will be back from my US trip. We will then celebrate Mother's Sunday with all the features we have as Lighthouse BBC.

Praise God for our mothers, especially those who have shown themselves faithful to God and His Work!



Pastor Reuben as he preaches before a full crowd during the celebration of the 29th Anniversary of the International Bible Baptist Church, San Leandro, California. The celebration was held in what they call Glory Place, a tent which they put up much like the Lighthouse Events Place.

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.

WATCH The LIGHTHOUSE 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."



One hundred fifty kids and forty volunteers made up the 2017 Vacation Bible School (VBS) last week which resulted to 70 professions of faith. They pose in this picture showing the theme, "Fearless, Standing Boldly for God." Praise God for this valuable ministry!

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