



"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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KNOWING THE REASON WHY ANYTHING THAT IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN

"...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin..." (Rom 14:23b).

Few Christians really understand the meaning and impact of what the Apostle Paul says in our text, "...for whatsoever is not of faith is sin..." In fact, the greater number of believers not only fail to understand what works, qualities and attitudes are of faith; they also fail to understand that they sin in not having faith in everything they do.

In Lighthouse BBC, we know that "...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom 10:17). And we all know that the word "hearing" in this text actually means "hearing and doing." This is illustrated by the Lord Jesus in Matt 6:47, 48 where He says, "Whosoever cometh to Me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them...he is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock..."

When the Word of God therefore, with all its precepts, instructions, commands, examples, warning, etc., is taken in, obeyed, appropriated and applied in the lives of God's people, the resulting act becomes faith itself! And faith is something that God sees obvious and plain in the lives of His people.

Matthew records that when the Lord Jesus, after seeing the four friends who brought the palsied man before Him, wrote, "...and Jesus seeing their faith..." (Matt 9:2). This was also recorded by Gospel writers Mark and Luke in Mark 2:5 and Luke 5:20, respectively.

The absence of faith in the lives of believers therefore comes very obvious before God. Obvious because the absence of faith involves two kinds of sins: the sin of omission and the sin of commission.

The sin of omission happens simply because the Word of God is not obeyed and heeded. The sin of commission happens because what we do and how we do things are not consistent with what His Word tells us.



But when faith is present (as there is hearing and doing of God's Word), this faith comes to the believer as a rewarding privilege and experience. The Bible says, "But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him" (Heb 11:6).

Rewarding privilege because when He sees faith, He is pleased. And when He sees that we diligently seek to hear and do what His Word says, He gives reward!

Would we then fail to take serious His words to His disciples? -- "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22).



It was the turn of the Lighthouse Pastoral Staff to present last Sunday. Here, they are seen encouraging everyone in the work to be involved in the different areas of ministry and have a part in getting the whole church please God.

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 Thessalonian 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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- 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."



Pictures above show PM Edwin Ballesteros and YP Leader Zeus Raytana leading two activities featured in this year's Summer Blast. In addition to reaching out to young people in the community, the summer blasters were introduced to different ministries where they may be involved in.

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