

MESSAGE

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TITLE : THE WORK OF THE LORD
Text :

1 Cor 15:58

58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Bible Reading :

Rom 12:1-2

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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Song/s : Pag-ibig ni Cristo

INTRODUCTION

From this verse, we draw a message that can only be distinctly Baptist. Tatay was always known for his favorite subject Baptist Distinctives, and this very pulpit will stand to that position.

The Work of the Lord is the reason why we are gathered here today. It is for the work of the Lord that Tatay gave his life to. It is to the work of the Lord that us his children have been brought up to. If a life is to be Christ's, it has to be for the work of the Lord. If a Christian would be dead, he would be dead to himself and alive for Christ. And if he would be for Christ, he would be for the work of God.

"Therefore" the Apostle says...This is the practical conclusion of all the he said in the preceding verses. Practical in the sense that all true doctrines lead to practice. "Therefore" because death is not your end, because you are to live body and soul in a future state...therefore...the steadfastness, the being unmoveable...

The work of the Lord. The universe is His handiwork. All His creation proclaims his glory. All its movements are His operation. But the "work" referred to here is not the work of creation, per se. It is the work that leads souls to Christ in salvation as a result of the what Christ had done on Calvary's cross. It is the work that leads them to being identified with Christ's death, burial and resurrection through baptism. It is the work that binds them as one body in Christ. It is the work that is described to be that which Christ has given his life for (Acts 20:28b, "...the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." It is the work that carries the one mandate he gave, "

Matt 28:19-20

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

It is to this work that He promised His unceasing presence as He said, "I am with you always even unto the end of the world." It is the work to which he gave apostles and prophets, and pastors and teachers. It is the work that leads to the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edification of the body of Christ. It is the work that glorifies God throughout all ages, world without end.

There is no work that can be greater. There is no institution that can be more valuable. There can be no body so used by Him. There can be no group of people that He could love the more, than people who are in this work. There is no work that can be the subject of His everlasting plan but this work.

John 6:29

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

A) It is in the work of the Lord where children of God should be.

The Apostle calls a certain people...“beloved brethren...” These are not brethren by way of nationality. These are not brethren by way of physical relations. These are brethren who have been put together by the precious blood of Christ. People who have been adopted in His family and who became brothers and sisters by faith in Jesus Christ.

Eph 2:8-10

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

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Eph 2:10

10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

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- 1) God's design for His children is for them not only to belong to Him by faith but belong to His body and be united. We have been made a people of God, peculiar and zealous of good works.

1 Cor 12:18

18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

Titus 2:13-14

13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

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- 2) It is in our being brethren that we are known to be His.

John 8:31

31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

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John 15:8

8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

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John 13:35

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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B) It is in the work of the Lord where we should be steadfast

Steadfast – 1476 hedraios (hed-rah'-yos); from a derivative of hezomai (to sit); sedentary, i.e. (by implication) immovable: KJV-- settled, steadfast.

1 a : firmly fixed in place : immovable b : not subject to change <the steadfast doctrine of original sin —Ellen Glasgow>

2 : firm in belief, determination, or adherence : loyal<her followers have remained steadfast >

Synonymous to the word Faithful.

Steady and fastened. Steadily faithful. **Firmly fixed in your own convictions.**

It isn't simply awareness, or knowledge or enlightenment that we are settled.

It is because God had convicted us and because we have been we become settled.

Heb 6:19

19 Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;

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Col 1:23

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

- The Lord Jesus manifested such quality

Luke 9:51

51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem,

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- The apostles and disciples had such

Acts 1:10-11

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

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- The Jerusalem church had the same quality

Acts 2:42

42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

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- Stephen showed such quality

Acts 7:54-56

54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

C) It is in the work of the Lord where we should be unmovable

Unmoveable – 277 ametakinetos (am-et-ak-in'-ay-tos); from 1 (as a negative particle) and a derivative of 3334; immovable: KJV-- unmovable.

Cannot be moved or changed in position, state, condition, posture, location, residence. Carrying on one's life, activities in specific environment and remaining unmoved by circumstances or people.

The example of Paul

Acts 20:24

24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Eph 4:14

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;

- 1) Tatay was not moved by influence of men
- 2) Tatay was not moved by afflictions of men
- 3) Tatay was not moved by doctrines of men
- 4) Tatay was not moved by deceit by men

As nothing can separate us from God's love, nothing ought to move us from His work.

2 Cor 4:1

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;
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2 Cor 4:8-10

8 We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;
9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;
10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2 Cor 4:17-18

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;
18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 Cor 6:4-10

4 But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses,
5 In stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings;
6 By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned,
7 By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,
8 By honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true;
9 As unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed;
10 As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

2 Tim 4:16-17

16 At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge.

17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

2 Tim 1:12-14

12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

13 Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

14 That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.
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This quality is drawn from God Himself Who changes not. He is immutable.

Rom 8:35-39

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Heb 13:8

8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

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James 1:17

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

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D) It is in the work of the Lord where we should always be abounding

Abounding – 4052 perisseuo (per-is-syoo'-o); from 4053; to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; also (transitively) to cause to superabound or excel: KJV-- (make, more) abound, (have, have more) abundance (be more) abundant, be the better, enough and to spare, exceed, excel, increase, be left, redound, remain (over and above).

Our work must not be by fits and starts; our consecration must be life-consecration. Always on the same side; always serving the same Master.

We should be abounding in all areas as regards the work of God. Abounding in love, in faith, in utterance...

2 Cor 8:7

7 Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

1 Cor 1:5

5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;
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2 Cor 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

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2 Peter 1:3-8

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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E) It is in the work of the Lord where our labor is never in vain

1) It is a great confidence that we have ...“we know...”

In knowledge is confidence. In truth is rest.

2) It is a worthy endeavour...“is not in vain...”

There are two kinds of vain labour. First, that which aims at a worthless end such that even if it succeeds, it is useless. Second, that which is directed to a good end, but can never realize it simply because it is too indeterminate and feeble. But here is a work that must succeed. Every true thought, every earnest prayer, every godly deed, everything carry themselves success. Inasmuch therefore as you cannot fail in this work, labour.

3) It is an objective labour...“in the Lord...”

Because it is “In the Lord” it brings glory to God. It is approved by God. No other work on earth exists that has God as its object by the work of the Lord. The New Testament Baptist Church.

Eph 3:21

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Matt 25:21

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

Gal 6:9

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Phil 2:30

30 Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

Titus 2:14

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Heb 13:21

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.