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Message Guide | January 2, 2022

The Supremacy of Christ and Christianity

SERMON SERIES

TODAY'S MESSAGE | JANUARY 2, 2022

Run the Race-Forward in Faith!

HEBREWS 12:1-3

Introduction

Faith in Christ requires endurance. Endurance is a mark of genuine faith.

1. Follow the examples of people of faith (Hebrews 12:1)

- a. We have numerous examples, even if imperfect, of witnesses or martyrs we can emulate in Faith's Hall of Fame in Hebrews 11.
- b. These exemplars endured by trusting God as they ran the race of faith marked for them. They endured even without seeing the fulfillment of God's promise.

Like the saints of old, believers endure and complete their lives of faith by trusting God.

2. Fix our eyes on the perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:2-3)

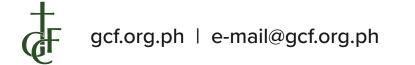
- a. The perfect guiding light-fix our eyes on Jesus
- b. The pattern of godly lives-like Jesus
- c. The promise of grace to last- Joy and strength from God to endure.

Believers endure and finish the race of faith by fixing their eyes on Jesus.

Final Thoughts

Endurance is a mark of genuine faith. The life of faith in Christ requires endurance.

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The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, GCF Ortigas Senior Pastor

Happy New Year to all!

We begin this year with a passage (Hebrews 12:1-3), which seems coincidentally a good New Year message. I said "seems" because there really are no coincidences with God. And to give the Communion Sermon based on that passage today is our dear pastor for Church Planting, P. Ed Trono, an able expositor of the Word. Meanwhile, I am at my wife's childhood home in Brooke's Point Palawan to visit her parents, particularly her ailing father, together with our kids. Like any good daughter, Joy wants to make the most of every moment God allows her to have with her parents, who won't always be around.

With much gratitude to all of you for your gifts

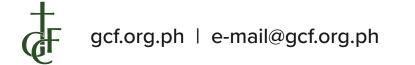
On behalf of my family, let me repeat our appreciation for the encouraging gifts you sent this Christmas season. Thank you for being God's reminder for us that no sacrifice given to God is ever wasted. It's always more than worth it. I pray you realize this is true for all of you, not just for pastors and their families.

We are resuming our "Clear the Air" series

Starting next Sunday, January 9, and all remaining Sundays of January, we are resuming our "Clear the Air" series. In January of each year, this short topical series seeks to answer questions recurring in our counseling or interactions with you, our beloved flock. Here is the schedule of Sermon themes for January 2022 (actual sermon title may change):

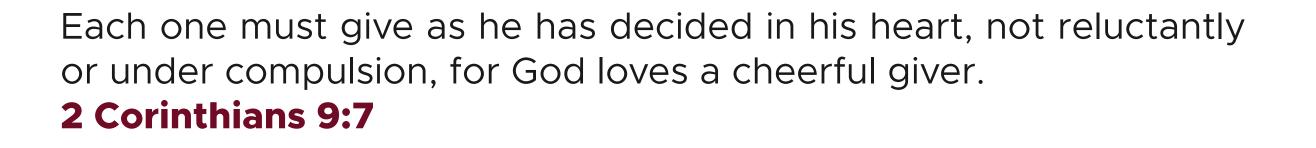
- January 9 Election 2022: Biblical Guidelines for Political Choices and Interactions
- January 16 Loving, Understanding, and Evangelizing the LGBTQIA+ from a Scriptural Standpoint
- January 23 Cancel Culture and Social Media
- January 30 Social Anxiety and Adjusting to the New Normal

Please invite family and friends who may have questions, struggles, or issues with the topics above. We hope that we can all agree on what the Bible says, even if sometimes we may have to agree to disagree without being disagreeable to anyone or each other.



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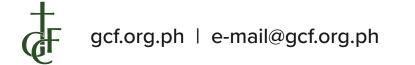
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