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Subject: Living the Word in the Week to Come!

HAPPY NEW YEARS!!!!

Just as our children were a little surprised at my children's time invitation to celebrate "Happy New Years", so it is with most of us that we forget the REAL New Years begins with Advent -- the new CHURCH year..

I chose the First Lesson to preach today, instead of the Gospel Lesson because it afforded so many ways to start the New Church Year together...so....

1. Please pray and reread I Corinthians 1: 3-9. Here's a quick , verse by verse recap of how to live this Word this week, remember, its all about how we start this New Year of the Church and Living Word church -- TOGETHER!.
2. Verse 3: St. Paul usually starts his letters to the churches with wonderful greetings, this one is no different. Read it and reread it this week. It will indeed bring you peace...
3. Verse 4: We are bound together in the GRACE of God, not because of who we are. We look at each other as fellow redeemed!
4. Verse 5: Start this year by being MORE enriched in His grace by growing in your "speech and knowledge" -- "kick it up a step" in your daily spiritual growth routine.
5. Verse 6: Continue to confirm our/your life with the Lord by continuing to serve as we have been doing and increase! Our church is known is our community as be super supporters of community ministries.
6. Verse 7: We have challenges ahead - YES. But He promises every gift we will need to get through and advance His kingdom , even in the midst of the hassle of these times, Covid --whatever....
7. Verse 8: YES! He sill sustains you now and forever, EVEN until the coming of Jesus again. Live forgiven lives!!
8. Verse 9: God is indeed FAITHFUL! He has called us to be together (fellowship) from now until then. Get involved in the fellowship --join a small group!!

Just an idea -- why not take one of these verses each day next week, think and pray about it as an addition to your devotions and weekly ministries as we serve Him.

May the Lord bless, keep and bring comfort and peace to all of you next week. Reread verses 3 & 4 everyday!

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