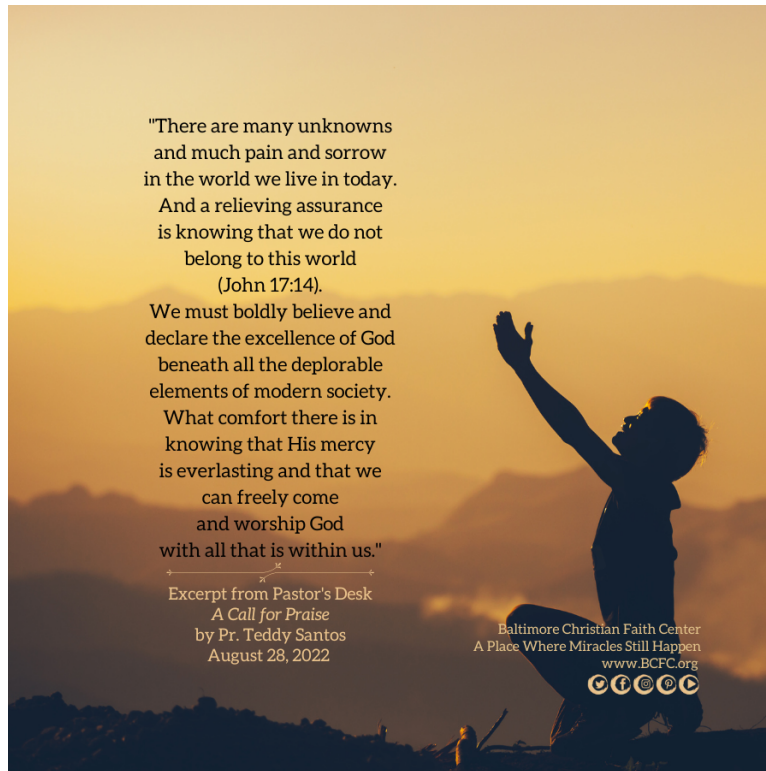


A Call for Praise

Pastor's Desk – August 28, 2022



Psalms 100:2 *"Serve the Lord with gladness: Come before His presence with singing."*

The hundredth Psalm has been appropriately entitled "**A Psalm of Thanksgiving.**" The Psalmist calls for a "joyful noise"- an audible manifestation of worship. It is vital for us not to be content with just a thankful heart, but also express it! It is beautiful to let The Lord have "the fruit of our lips." The Lord's service is perfect freedom, and if we delight ourselves in God, we should also serve Him with gladness, correct? Do we ever hinder the progress of our faith's maturity by dullness, depression, and gloominess of attitude?

It is essential to preserve the habit of frequent church-going because of its opportunity to worship The Lord with singing, praises, and dancing! Let us be accounted worthy to stand in His Presence and offer honors and adoration to the Most High God. Let us **"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name!"** Psa 100:4

There are many unknowns and much pain and sorrow in the world we live in today. And a relieving assurance is knowing that we do not belong to this world (**John 17:14**). We must boldly believe and declare the excellence of God beneath all the deplorable elements of modern society. What comfort there is in knowing that His mercy is everlasting and that we can freely come and worship God with all that is within us. May we constantly have **Psa 103:1**'s attitude: "**Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!**" Amen.

At His service,
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