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"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Ps 119:130).

**2016:
The Year of
Proving**

1 Thes 5:21
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is good."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC CHOIR TO MINISTER AND BRING CHEER TO LIGHTHOUSE DISTRICTS THIS WEEK

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11)

"...when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman..." (Gal 4:4).

A Word from the PASTOR



Once more, we have come to the time of the year when the Lighthouse BBC Choir goes out of the choir loft and extends their ministry of lifting-up to the respective members of our church through the Lighthouse Districts.

Even as our Gift-Based Ministry Structure is relatively new, this ministry of lifting-up has been existing since the beginning of the Lighthouse BBC. It is, in fact, something that both members of the choir and our Lighthouse families look forward to every Christmas season.

This ministry of extending greetings and cheer in the homes of our church families is not something that is done to raise funds. Rather, it is simply done so that everyone may find time to enjoy each other's company outside the walls of our premises in Tatalon and bask in the joy that we have because of the coming of Christ.

Our text above cites the cheer which came from the angel when the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ was announced to the shepherds in the field. And after the announcement, came the first songs about the birth of Christ as Luke narrates, "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:13-14).

So, if someone asks me, "Pastor, is going around singing songs about the birth of Christ biblical?" I say, "Yes. The angels who announced His birth before the shepherds in the field did so."

I say, let all our people then join our respective Lighthouse Districts as the choir goes around every night this week according to the following arrangement: LD4/3 (Mon), LD6 (Tues), LD1 (Wed), LD5 (Thurs) and LD2 (Fri).

Thank God for sending His Son!



The people directly involved with the various ministry organizations of Lighthouse BBC take time to pose for a picture along with Pastor Reuben after the Christmas fellowship last Monday. There were raffle prizes and grocery bags availed to all through the TGLF.

Fourth Quarter Focus :

"Proving all things and holding fast that which is good" (1 Thes 5:21).

Rom 12:2, "...prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

**TITLE : THE REPUTATION OF THE
THESSALONIAN CHURCH**
TEXT : 1 THES 1:1-10

INTRODUCTION

We initially studied how the Apostle Paul thanked the Lord for the Thessalonian church. Let us now look further into their reputation as a people of God in Thessalonica.

A) They were an energetic church (vs 1-3).
1 Thess 1:3. "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope..."

B) They were an elect church (vs 4-5)
1 Thess 1:4, "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God." This election is also mentioned by Paul in 2 Thess 2:13, "...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth..."
Election is both individual and corporate. It covers both the individual believer and the congregation, the body of believers corporately and this is the view in these passages. Both these great truths are presented in the Bible. They are not contradictory and the all Persons of the Godhead are involved in this election. Appreciate these truths:
1) In regard to the Father: We were saved at the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4; 2 Tim

1:9)
2) In regard to the Son: We were saved at the cross (Gal 2:20);
3) In regard to the Holy Spirit: We were saved at the moment of our acceptance (Titus 3:5).

C) They were an exemplary church (v 7).
1 Thess 1:7, "...ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia."

D) They were a Gospel-spreading church (v 8)
1 Thess 1:8, "...from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing."

E) They were a converted church (v 9)
1 Thess 1:9, "...they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols..."

F) They were a serving church (v 9)
1 Thess 1:9, "...to serve the living and true God..."
It is beautiful that this description follows their conversion. They did not just simply turn from idols to God. Rather, they turned from idols to SERVE the living and true God. This means that the Thessalonian members believed that everyone in the church should serve God and be in a specific place of service, much like what we believe that we should see in all our Lighthouse BBC members. Eph 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which

God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
It must be noted this refers to their labor of love.

G) They were an expectant church (v 10)
1 Thess 1:10, "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."
A church which exhibits patience of hope must indeed look forward with great expectancy to the imminent return of the Lord Jesus.

With such a very short stay of Paul in Thessalonica, this church exhibited such exemplary characteristics which should be imitated by our churches of today.

WATCH The Lighthouse CAFE TV TALK SHOW, seen every Saturday; and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 88 on SIGNAL and also on Digital TV/ABSCBN TV Plus. Both shows are aired 4-5am/10-11am/4-5pm/10-11pm. To view the programs in YouTube, simply search for the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church Channel. Share with your friends!



Top photo, Pastor Francis Dait leads the 21st Foundation Day celebration of the Lighthouse BBC Pasig Mission last Thursday which was held at the Pasig Youth Development Center. Lower photo, the Lighthouse District 1 presents the Ministry Structure last Sunday night.

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