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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
"Prove all things;
hold fast that which
is good."

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34 KIDS WHO JOINED VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 PROFESS CHRIST AS SAVIOR

"...shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done...that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children...that they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments" (Ps 78:4-7).

A Word from the PASTOR



Our Sunday Morning Services may now be seen over GCTV on ABS-CBN TV Plus from 10-



11AM every Sunday. The Sunday Morning Services is entitled, The Pulpit. In addition, the Lighthouse Cafe Talk Show, may be seen every Saturday, 10-11AM. Praises to God for this wonderful opportunities. Note that some TV Plus boxes need to be updated to be sure that GCTV may be viewed. Support this new ministry with prayers and gifts.

The Vacation Bible School 2016 with the theme "Athletics: Fight the Good Fight... Finish the Course...Keep the Faith" victoriously concluded with over 180 kids in attendance, ages 5 to 16, both from our church and from our very own Tatalon community. Forty-five young people and adults participated in organizing and conducting the worthy annual 5-day activity which resulted to 34 professions of faith and 7 who decided to follow Christ in baptism.

This year's VBS centered on five qualities: Focus, Discipline, Endurance, Teamwork and Confidence as seen from the lives of Moses, Joshua and Achan, the Lord Jesus Christ, Aquila and Priscilla and the Apostle Paul. The theme verse came from 2 Tim 4:7 where the Apostle Paul says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith..."

We look forward to seeing these kids grow in the knowledge of Christ and His Word. Praise God for those who participated in this worthy endeavor!

- Ahmed Letrondo

With this issue, the LIGHTHOUSE BULLETIN enters its 39th year as the official newsletter of the Lighthouse BBC! Praise God!



The Lighthouse District 6 members exhort everyone to listen intently to God's Word and leading rather than to anybody else.

Second Quarter Focus : "Proving the Word of God."

Acts 17:11, "...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

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

TITLE : THE APOSTLE PAUL AND THE
COLOSSIAN CHURCH
TEXT : COL 1:1-14, 24-29

INTRODUCTION

Colosse was a small city of Asia Minor, not too far from Laodicea (see 4:16). Paul had never visited there and so it is believed that it was Epaphras who founded this church while Paul was staying in Ephesus (Col 1:7; 4:12-13; Acts 19:10). He apparently wrote the epistle when he was in prison at Rome and sent the letter to them by Tychicus (4:7), by whom he also sent the Ephesian letter as well as that to Philemon.

A) Paul's praise of the Colossian church (vs 1-8).

1) How they received the Gospel (vs 1-6).

Paul commends the Colossian church in regard to three things:

a) Their faith toward the Lord (vs 1-4a)

Col 1:3-4, "We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus..."

b) Their love toward each other (v 4b)

Col 1:4, "...and of the love which ye have to all the saints..."

c) Their hope toward the future (vs 5-6).

Col 1:5, "For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel."

2) From whom they received the Gospel (vs 7-8).

Col 1:7-8, "As ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellowservant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ; who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit."

3) The result of the Gospel in them (v 6).

Col 1:6, "Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth."

B) Paul's prayer for the Colossian church (vs 9-14).

1) That they will be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all wisdom and applications (v 9).

Col 1:9, "For this cause we also...do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding."

2) That they will please God (v 10a).

Col 1:10, "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing..."

3) That they will bear fruit for God (v 10b).

Col 1:10, "...being fruitful in every good work..."

4) That they be increasing in the knowledge of God (v 10c).

Col 1:10, "...and increasing in the knowledge of God..."

5) That they will be strengthened by God (v 11).

Col 1:11, "Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness."

6) That they will be thankful to God (vs 12-14).

Col 1:12, "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

a) Thankful for what the Father did

Col 1:13, "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

b) Thankful for what the Son did

Col 1:14, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

C) Paul's ministry to the Colossian church (vs 24-29).

Paul has been chosen to reveal God's secret plan for them.

1) The particular mystery (vs 24-27).

Col 1:24-27, "Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."

2) The purpose (vs 28-29).

Col 1:28-29, "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."



Top photo, participants and organizers of the Vacation Bible School 2016 pose for a picture after their graduation exercises. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben meets with the staff and crew of the Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk show after their recording last Wednesday night. Lighthouse Cafe TV airs every Saturday, 10-11am over GCTV.

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