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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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PASTOR SETS THEME FOR THE GREAT COMMISSION CONFERENCE 2016

*"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith..." (1 Thes 1:3).
"...that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power..." (2 Thes 1:11-12).
"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil 2:13).*

A Word from the PASTOR



Every Ekklesia or New Testament Church, just like the example of the Thessalonian church, must be known for how all the members faithfully and unceasingly do the work of faith with power according to how the grace of God works in each one of them. And it is my prayer that this may be manifested by all the Lighthouse BBC works around the country and abroad.

We have finally come to the month when we will hold our Great Commission Conference as a family of Lighthouse churches. Our conference theme for this year is, "Fulfilling the Word of Faith with Power According to the Effectual Working in the Measure of Every Part." This is drawn from the verses cited above and in Eph 4:16 where the Apostle Paul says, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

I encourage everyone in our family of Lighthouse churches to come, join and complete the Great Commission Conference (GCC) this year which will be held on the night of Nov 29

(Tuesday), the whole day of Nov 30 (Wednesday) and in the afternoon of Dec 1 (Thursday). Even as we practically have two days in doing this conference, I do believe that it will be full of life changing messages and lectures for everyone. And since, our GCC comes every other year, we all have valid reason to be prepared to attend all the scheduled services and activities.

As a body, let us have all our body parts "exercised" and involved in the work. - PRA



Left picture, Pastor Reuben preaches at the 15th Anniversary Celebration of the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church of Marikina. Right photo, Pastor Rene Moralde as he leads the services. Congratulations, Lighthouse BBC Marikina and Praise God for His Grace in you!

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 : INTRODUCTION TO 1 THESSALONIANS
TEXT : 1 THES 1; ACTS 17:1-10

INTRODUCTION

The modern name for Thessalonica is Thessaloniki. It is situated at the northwest corner of the Aegen Sea, facing a fine harbor, on a rich and well-watered plain, on the great Northern Military highway from Rome to the East. Within sight of Mt Olympus, home of the Greek gods. It is the leading city of Macedonia in Paul's day and still is today a prosperous city. Today, Thessaloniki (520 km. north of Athens) is the second largest city of Greece and the most important centre of the area. Built near the sea (at the back of the Thermaïkos Gulf), it is a modern metropolis bearing the marks of its stormy history and its cosmopolitan character, which give it a special beauty and charm.

1) The church at Thesalonica was founded by the Apostle Paul about AD51 during his second missionary journey (see Acts 17:1-10).

2) It seems from Acts 17:2 that Paul was there only for three weeks in the home of Jason (possibly a kinsman, see Rom 16:21). But Philipians 4:16, 1 Thes 2:9 and 2 Thes 3:8 imply that he was there longer. But whatever, it is clear that he organized the church, worked all the while as a tentmaker that he might not be a burden to the believers (1 Thes 2:9, 2 Thes 3:7-12).

3) His visit there is short-lived because of the opposition by some unbelieving Jews. Under cover of night, he, along with Timothy and Silas went to Berea, about 50 miles to the west.

4) But soon driven from Berea by vicious Jews, he leaves Silas and Timothy and heads for Athens, 200 miles to the south. Lonesome, he sent word back to berea for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all possible speed (Acts 17:14,15). When they reached Athens, Paul filled with concern about the young church in Thessalonica, immediately sent Timothy back and strengthen the work, which Timothy does.

5) By the time Timothy returned, Paul had gone from Athens to Corinth. At a later date, Silas and Timothy catch up with him and Timothy brings a good report concerning the work in Thessalonica, that they were enduring their persecutions bravely; but some had died, and the others were puzzled to know how those who had died would get any benefit of the Lord's coming. And so Paul writes both 1 and 2 Thessalonians from Corinth, to tell them, mainly, that those who had died would be at no disadvantage when the Lord comes.

6) Paul's first letter was written to encourage, establish, instruct and inspire the church which, apparently composed mainly of Gentiles (Acts 17:4).

7) Of the many churches established by the Apostle Paul, only six received a New Testament Epistle from him. Of the six, only the churches at Corinth and Thessalonica were blessed with two inspired letters.

8) Paul's work in Thessalonica may only have been a short while but it created a great stir. His enemies accused him of "turning the world upside down" (Acts 17:6), a "great multitude of Greeks and chief women" believed (Acts 17:4), and it was heralded all over Greece (1 Thess 1:8,9).

9) The subject of the epistle : The Coming of the Jesus for the Redeemed.

10) The purpose: To give hope in seeing the Savior (1:10); reward for service (2:19,20; comfort in sorrow with the hope of His coming (4:13-18, and to exhort to readiness for His coming (5:11-27).

11) Key chapter : Chapter 4.

12) Key verses : 1:9,10.

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Top picture, the Lighthouse District 6 members illustrate a renewal of commitment for the Commitment Bus as their way of encouraging everyone in Lighthouse to have a part in the project. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben receives from Pastor Reuel Tica a Posthumous Award for Tatay Ben Abante Sr.

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