



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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Being Well Pleasing in 2017

Heb 13:21
"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight..."

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"LET US ALTOGETHER GET THINGS DONE IN THE WAY THAT PLEASES GOD" - PASTOR REUBEN

"And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door..." (Gen 4:4-7).

There is both an instruction and a warning that every member of Lighthouse must understand from this passage. The instruction comes with the question, "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?" Then, the warning comes with what God told Cain, "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door..."

God's instruction to Cain which came by the question, remains to be very true even in our day of Grace - that if we do well before God, and please Him according to His Word, there will always be His most valued acceptance. And what we need to do as Bible believing Christians is this, that we know and understand what is "good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour" (1 Tim 2:3).

Then, there is that solemn warning by God to Cain, "If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door..." And we need to realize that this is so true even in our day -- the very reason why we want our theme and focus to be planted in the hearts of



all our people in Lighthouse BBC. It is not that we simply do things as pray, serve, give and go, but that whatever we do, that they all contribute to what needs to get things done in the way which pleases our God. Know this truth.



The Lighthouse District 5 during their final scene from their short play, Balon ng Biyaya, a presentation that talks about the Grace of God that is seen in the various ministries in which the members of Lighthouse BBC get involved in and which emphasizes the sufficiency of such Grace.

Second Quarter Focus :

Being Well Pleasing in Every Good Work

Heb 13:21, "...perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight..."

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

TITLE : PAUL'S APPEAL FOR THE THESSALONIAN CHURCH TO WALK AND TO PLEASE GOD
TEXT : 1 THES 4:1-2

INTRODUCTION

This lesson comes very significant to Lighthouse BBC as it comes very fitting in our annual theme and quarterly focus regarding pleasing God. The words of Paul should constantly ring in our hearts and ears as he says to the Thessalonian believers, "...we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more."

A) The seriousness of the appeal (v1)

See the choice of words which Paul uses to make the appeal, 'Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus...'

In our day, these words may be rendered, 'Finally brothers and sisters, we beg and admonish you in the Lord Jesus...'

The use of the words beseech and exhort in one sentence tell us the seriousness of the subject for indeed, the Christian walk and the pleasure of God are two things that must be present in the daily life of the believer.

B) The basis of the appeal (vs 1,2).

The subject of the appeal is not new to the Thessalonian believers.

In verse one, Paul says, "as ye have received of us..." And in verse two, "...ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus."

Paul did not leave a stone unturned in teaching them the whole counsel of God. And

this quality of complete teaching and preaching must exist especially in our day.

Paul tells Titus, Titus 2:15, "These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee." He also tells Timothy 2 Tim 4:2, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

C) The pleasure of God

The pleasure of God must be the constant motivation of every believer, and, together, of all the believers in the Ekklesia.

Inherent in the text is the truth that true believers in Christ can and should please God. This is explicit in Rom 8:8-9, "...they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

In addition, Heb 11:6, "...without faith it is impossible to please him..." And 2 Cor 13:5, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves..."

The faith and the Spirit in the believer make the believer equipped to please God. This is the exclusive privilege of everyone who is in Christ. Not having the desire to please Him would run contradictory to his very nature as saved, born again believer.

D) The Christian Walk

Among the walks of the believers are

1) Walk in the Spirit

Gal 5:16, "...Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

2) Walk unto good works

Eph 2:10, "...we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

3) Walk in the newness of life

Rom 6:4, "...walk in newness of life."

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every Saturday;
and **THE PULPIT**, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on SIGNAL. Both these programs are seen every 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm on said days.



Mga Munting Ilaw Kids Show is seen every Saturday and Sunday, 12n and 5pm. To view the programs in

YouTube, simply search for the Lighthouse BBC Channel. Also check the Great Commission TV FB Page.

OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES, "THE PULPIT", PARTICULARLY, THE MORNING PREACHING, WILL BE AIRED LIVE FROM 11AM TO 12NOON OVER GCTV, CH 185 ON SIGNAL.

4) Walk as children of light. Walk in the light.

1 John 1:7, "...walk in the light, as he is in the light. Eph 5:8, "...walk as children of light."

5) Walk in truth

3 John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

6) Walk in love

Eph 5:2, "...walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us..."

7) Walk circumspectly

Eph 5:15, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise."

8) Walk as He walked

1 John 2:6, "...walk, even as he walked."



Top picture, seventeen students, 10 from the Kindergarten Class and 7 from Elementary graduated during the 25th Commencement Exercises of the Lighthouse Academy. Lower photo, the Lighthouse Youth Fellowship sing their song last Sunday night.

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