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

Being Well Pleasing in 2017

Heb 13:21

"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC CELEBRATES 41 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS AND PLEASES HIM THROUGH SACRIFICIAL GIVING NEXT SUNDAY

"...I have all, and abound: I am full, having received...from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:18-19).

"Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5).

"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22).

The Ekklesia or the New Testament Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, has always been a body of believers set to please Him through obedience and doing the things pleasing in His sight. And the Apostle John, in his first Epistle, gives the special promise to such a people when he says in 1 John 3:22, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

Next Sunday, as we celebrate our 41st Anniversary as an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus, we shall come ready to obey and to please Him with our sacrificial offerings. We shall do this with the recognition that as a spiritual house, we are to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable or pleasing to God by Christ Jesus (1 Pet 2:5).

The Philippian church, being a very good example for us to emulate in our day, is cited by the Apostle Paul as having sent a sacrifice, acceptable and well-pleasing to God when through

A Word from the PASTOR



Epaphroditus, they sent an offering even as the Apostle was imprisoned in Rome.

For a number of times they did this, supplying the ministry needs of the Apostle Paul from the time they were organized as a church until the Apostle went back to Jerusalem and, later in life, brought to Rome where he was imprisoned.

What an example for us to follow! Consider, too, that we see in this article, three Apostles of the Lord Jesus teaching us that we should do the same! See you all next Sunday!



The Lighthouse District 2 puts into practical perspective the preaching of Pastor Reuben about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Lighthouse BBC. The presentation was designed to further encourage readiness in giving sacrificial offerings during the 41st Anniversary Celebration.

First Quarter Focus :

Being Well Pleasing in Sacrifice

Phil 4:18, "...having received...from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

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

TITLE : THE RETURN OF TIMOTHEUS
TEXT : 1 THES 3:6-13

INTRODUCTION

In our past lesson, we learned about how the Apostle sent back Timothy to Thessalonica to establish them and to comfort them concerning the faith. In this lesson we will see the return of Timothy along with the good report he brings to Paul.

A) The good news (v 6)

1) The faith and charity of the Thessalonian church.

1 Thess 3:6, "...when Timotheus came from you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and charity..."

This was good news to the Apostle, to hear about the faith and love of the Thessalonian church.

In chapter 1 of the Epistle, we see how the Thessalonian believers "received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost." From this point in their lives, they became an example to all who believe in Macedonia and Achaia and were even commended by Paul for having sounded out the Word of the Lord in other places. What then can be more joyful to hear than they have not let up but even more, manifesting their faith and love. What more can Paul say than "...ye are our glory and joy" (1 Thes 2:20).

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

2) Their remembrance of Paul and longing for Paul

1 Thess 3:6, "...and that ye have good remembrance of us always, desiring greatly to see us, as we also to see you."

Their personal love for the man of God who brought to them the truth of the Gospel was a precious thing to the Apostle.

Heb 13:7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God:..."

B) Paul's delight over the good news (vs 7-8)

1) He was comforted.

1 Thess 3:7, "Therefore, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by your faith."

In the midst of painful persecution he faced on behalf of the Gospel, Paul was greatly comforted when he heard of their continued faith and love.

2) The good news gave him new life and vigor

1 Thess 3:8, "For now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord."

The news did not just give him joy and comfort. It gave him a great refreshing in life. As Paul was ready to die for the sake of the Gospel, he was ready to live with every news concerning faith and love of those he ministered to.

C) Paul's thanksgiving and prayer for the Thessalonian church

1) His thanksgiving

a) He thanks God for them

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MUNTING ILAW
every Saturday;



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

He thanks God for the Thessalonians, for their faith and love

b) He thanks God for his own joy

1 Thess 3:9, "For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God."

c) He adds prayer to his thanksgiving

1 Thess 3:10, "Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your faith?"



Top photo, Pastor Reuben leads the devotion before the start of the Medical and Dental Mission yesterday in which 2,200 people were attended to through various services. Lower photo, the 90 doctors in action while coordinators give hand signals for patients to come. Praise God!

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