



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

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**Being
a Blessing
in 2018**

1 Pet 3:8-9; 2 Pet 1:3

"...Be ye all...
a blessing... according
as... He hath called us to
glory and virtue."

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BEING A BLESSING COMES AS A RESULT OF CHANGE IN "BEING AND DOING"

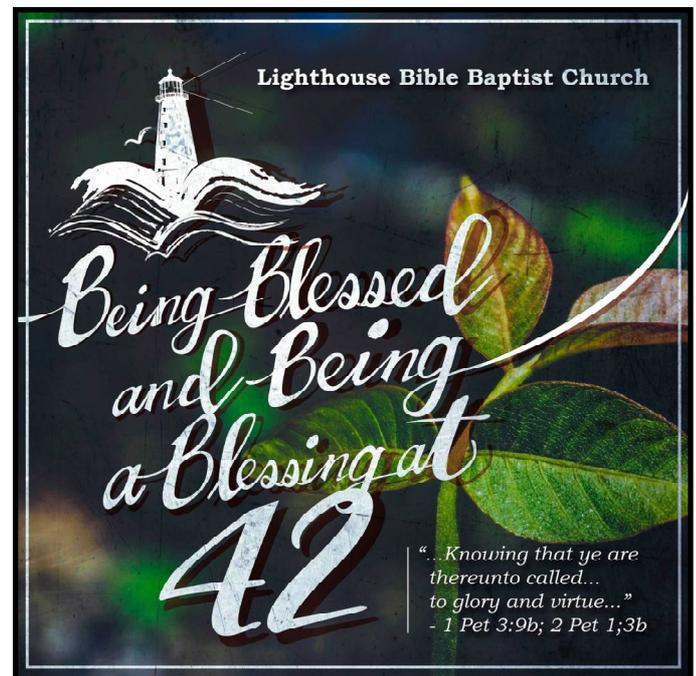
"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim 3:16-17).

There is no shortcut to being equipped to be intentional in being blessing. And in so far as being equipped is concerned, there is no replacement to the Word of God!

There is an existing liberal concept these days that when the Apostle Paul wrote this passage to Timothy, that Paul only referred to the Old Testament writings as the "All Scripture."

For us, however, we take the writings of the Apostle Paul as being divinely inspired, and as it is, as he wrote to the church in Thessalonica in 1 Thess 2:13, "...when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

The whole of it therefore, the Word of God, is what we should receive as truth, even every admonition and instruction of the Apostles, we being an Ekklesia "...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph 2:20). And only by this can we actually be perfect, thoroughly furnished (equipped) because we have been sanctified "through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).



The Lighthouse District 1 singing the song, "Bakit Ako Naglilingkod Sa Iyo (Pag-ibig Ang Tanging Dahilan)" as finale during their presentation.

Second Quarter Focus :

Being Equipped to be a Blessing

"...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man ...that ye may excel to the edifying of the church..." (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12).

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Lesson No. 2Thes070217-03

TITLE : THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TEXT : 2 THESS 2:1, "NOW WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND BY OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM."

INTRODUCTION

As the Apostle Paul admonishes the church in Thessalonica on the basis of the "coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," we also treat this subject of His 2nd coming as vitally important.

A) The importance of the Second Coming of Christ

Prominence is actually given to the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ in the whole New Testament. "Where the first coming of Christ is mentioned once, His second coming is mentioned 8 times. Fifty times or more in the New Testament, we are exhorted to be ready for the realization of the blessed hope. Entire chapters such as Matt 24-25, Luke 21 and Mark 13 are devoted to the subject, as are whole books such as 1 and 2 Thes and Revelation. Each chapter of 1 Thes closes with a reference to the second coming. In the 216 chapters of the NT, it is said that there are 318 references to the subject." (Bancroft).

B) The vital relationship the Second Coming of Christ with other doctrines.

The Second Coming of Christ is bound up with the following subjects:

- 1) The resurrection (1 Cor 15:23. Cf Jo 5:28-29

- with 1 Thes 4:16-18);
- 2) The promise of the transformation of the living (1 Cor 15:51,52);
- 3) The sonship with God and likeness to Christ (1 John 3:1,2);
- 4) The promise of rewards (2 Tim 4:7,8; Rev 22:12; 1 Pet 5:4);
- 5) The subject of the atonement (cf Heb 9:14-28 with Lu 1:8-10);
- 6) The subject of future judgment (2 Tim 4:1);
- 7) The subject of sanctification (1 Thes 3:12,13; 5:23).

C) The practical value of the Second Coming of Christ

The truth of the Second Coming of Christ is eminently practical. It is bound up with every practical exhortation to Christian obligation, service, attainment, including exhortations to

- 1) Assembling together being an Ekklesia (Heb 10:25);
- 2) Observing the Lord's Supper (1 Cor 11:26);
- 3) Loving one another (1 Thes 3:12,13);
- 4) Having patience (James 5:7,8);
- 5) Having holy lives (1 John 3:3; Titus 2:11-13; 1 Thes 5:23);
- 6) Being watchful (Mark 13:34-37);
- 7) Being active (Rom 13:11,12);
- 8) Not judging one another (1 Cor 4:4,5);
- 9) Abiding in Him (1 John 2:28);
- 10) Having fidelity as pastors and leaders (2 Tim 4:1,2; 1 Pet 5:2-4);
- 11) Having comfort and consolation for those who mourn their Christian dead (1 Thes 4:16-18);
- 12) Having zeal for lost (2 Cor 4:3-5; cf 1 Thes 2:19,20 with 1 Thes 1:9,10).

D) The fact of the Second Coming of Christ

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From Genesis to Revelation, the whole Bible is filled with the teaching of the Second Coming of Christ. It is set forth not only in type, figure, symbol, parable and illustration, but also by direct statement.

The following passages establish this fact beyond question: John 14:3; Acts 3:19-21; Phil 3:20-21; 1 Thes 4:16, 17; Heb 9:28.

E) The character of the Second Coming

- 1) It will be personal.
- 2) It will be visible.
- 3) It will be bodily.

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Top photos, song numbers are presented by the double trio from the young ladies from the YPF and the Torres family. Lower photos, some scenes during the presentation of the Lighthouse District 1 emphasizing Being Equipped to be a Blessing in 2018.

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