



"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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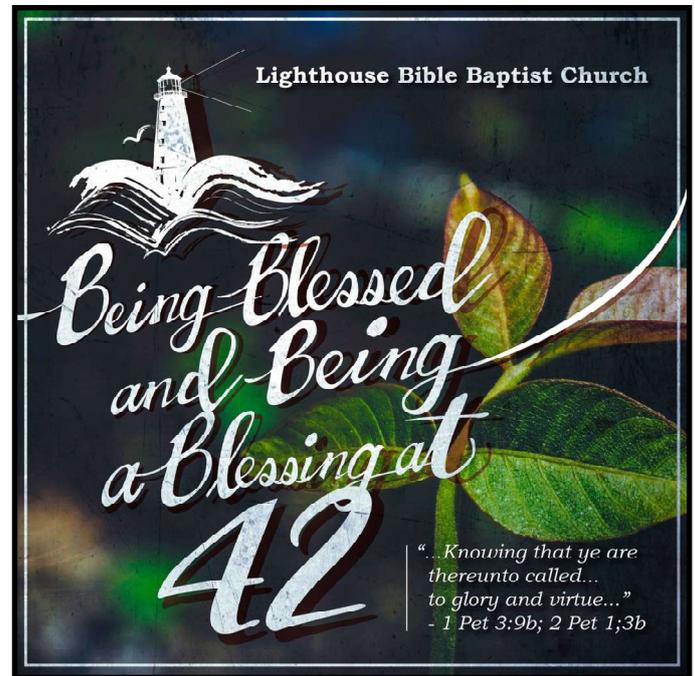
## LIGHTHOUSE BBC BECOMES A BLESSING THROUGH THE BIBLICAL BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES CONFERENCE

"Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers. Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 tim 2:14-15).

Taking his cue from the very words of the Apostle Paul to Timothy, Pastor Reuben spoke for a total of 20 hours from Tuesday night to Friday noon last week as he lectured on Biblical Baptist Distinctives before Bible Baptist pastors, preachers, Bible students and members of various churches. Pastor Benny Abante Jr provided challenges, also on the subject, during the two nights of fellowship services.

The delegates to the conference had nothing but thanksgiving and praises to God for the grace they see in Lighthouse BBC and in how the subject became clearer through the in-depth exposition of Pastor Reuben. Some of the pastors asked about having the conference extended to other regions of the country.

The conference featured the presentations of the different districts and fellowship groups in Lighthouse BBC which further provided insights and support to the practicality of the lessons presented. Then, too, all Lighthouse members willingly and patiently extended themselves to providing services in many areas. In all, the Biblical Baptist Distinctives Conference became a real blessing to everyone who came. They were not just filled with Biblical truth on the subject, but were filled with all possible ministry helps. Amen!



The lead Adult Fellowship in Lighthouse BBC doing a comprehensive presentation on how all members of the Eklesia can manifest the grace of God to realize His Glory in the midst.

Fourth Quarter Focus :

*Being a Blessing*

"Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification...follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another..." (Rom 15:2; 14:19).

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

**TITLE: THESSALONICA - THE CHURCH WITH A WORTHY WALK**

**TEXT :** 1 THES 2:12-13; 4:1  
2 THES 1:11-12

**INTRODUCTION**

For two years we studied the two epistles of Paul to the church in Thessalonica. It is my prayer that through this study, we learned more how to be a church, more than anything.

As these letters were written to a specific church, it featured commands, instructions of the Apostle so that the church in Thessalonica may indeed have the features of a true church of the Lord Jesus. How these letters instruct them, they also instruct us in our day as all these epistles serve as our pattern.

In conclusion, let us look into some major admonitions and prayers of the Apostle Paul for the church in Thessalonica as a whole. We shall look at four major instructions which come explicit in the two epistles:

**A) That they would walk worthy of God Who called them into His kingdom and glory (1 Thes 2:11-12).**

A worthy walk in life of the whole of the Ekklesia defines its being a church of the Lord Jesus. In that walk, there is always a recognition of God's purpose in them, not only as individual children but a blood bought body of people, an institution of God.

The calling of God is the one direction that the whole Ekklesia is set to move forward and such a calling requires worthiness for everyone who is in it.

**B) They they would set themselves knowledgeable and settled in the Word of God especially in the face of sufferings and even death (1 Thes 4:13-18).**

What the Apostle Paul emphatically says in this passage is that the church in Thessalonica should be a people who are settled in the "word of the Lord."

This settlement takes away ignorance, sorrow without hope and brings about confidence at His coming and comfort by the Scriptures.

What these verses define is this: That the word of the Lord is more than anything this world can offer when we go through the midst of sufferings and even death.

**C) That they would be counted worthy of their calling and fulfill all the good pleasure of God, His Name being glorified in them and they, in Him according to the grace of God and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Thes 1:11-12).**

The fulfillment of the pleasure of God is the one thing that should constantly be a recognition of every church of the Lord Jesus. When we know that what we do gives Him pleasure, then we know that He is glorified in us, and us in Him.

The Apostle John makes this simple to each one of us in the Ekklesia when he writes 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."

**D) That they would walk according to the teachings and examples of the Apostle (2 Thes 3:6-13).**

Talking to the elders of the Ephesian church, Paul said in Acts 20:26-28, "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God. Take heed



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therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

In the same token, he takes to mind the Thessalonian church in saying, "we command you" and these words he mentioned three times in the last chapter.

As the Word of God is complete in all its instructions for us as an Ekklesia, there is no reason we cannot do what we need to do. There is no reason why we cannot be a true Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus. It remains that the Word of God, the Bible, is our final authority of faith and practice!

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Top photo, the Lighthouse District 1 as they give their final number as they presented their original musical play about the work of God in Lighthouse BBC. Lower photo, a residue of the delegates pose to take a picture after the last challenge by Pastor Reuben last Friday noon. In all these, we give back to God all the praises, honor and glory!

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