



"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 HOLDS LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP AT CCT TAGAYTAY ON DEC 21-23

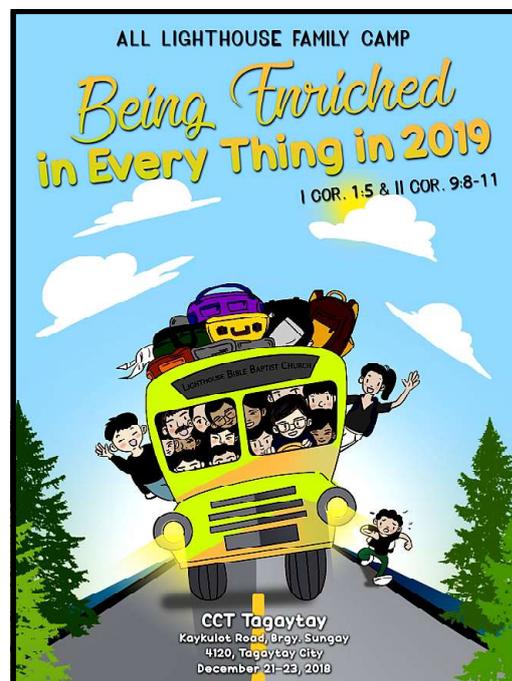
"Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied" (Acts 9:31).

The Lighthouse family of churches will come together in the beautiful CCT Tagaytay Retreat and Training Center, Tagaytay City and hold the All Lighthouse Family Camp on December 21, Friday noon to December 23, Sunday noon. And for the first time, the whole Lighthouse BBC family will have combined services, outside their respective premises, on a Sunday morning, the 23rd of December.

The All Lighthouse Family Camp has been a traditional respite time for Lighthouse BBC works primarily in Metro Manila, to get away from the busy city life and be together as God's people for several days. These camps also serve as occasions when Pastor Reuben introduces the annual theme and quarterly focuses for the next year. And, of course, the exciting Bible Quiz and many group activities make the family camps worth all the effort to hold. Needless to say, the recreation time, food and fellowship are great features even for building each other up in the faith.

We understand that the New Testament churches did not have such camps as we now have. But surely, how the books of Acts and the Epistles describe how churches are associated to each other by regions, we can confidently say that they would have known each other and fellowshiped with each other through the ministries of the Apostles. In our text above, we find the churches throughout all Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were edified. We also see how the churches in Asia minor as Ephesus, Colosse, Laodicea are closely related to each other. So with the churches in Galatia, Achaia and in Rome.

Be with the rest of the Lighthouse churches then in the Lighthouse Family Camp!



The Single Working Young People did a great job organizing the Melodies for Missions Season 5! Congratulations to all of you for a job well done! Praise God for His manifold grace!

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 winners of the M4M Season 5 pose for a group picture after receiving their awards: Champion - Pagpapala Niya'y Tunay (Composer: Jabez Gamboa/Reuben Octaviano; Performers: Jed Gamboa, Peter Lee Jr, Gab Caballes); 1st Runner Up - Lord Make Me a Blessing (Composer: Jordan Delas Verges; Performer: Antonette Hernandez); 2nd Runner-up - Buhay Ay Isang Biyaya (Composer: Kevin De Leon; Performer: Kevin, John Kevin, JC-Lyn, Phebe). Congratulations everyone!

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