



"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

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC CLOSES YEAR 2018 BEING BLESSED AND BEING A BLESSING

"Finally, be ye all... [a] blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called..."

"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue" (1 Pet 3:8-9; 2 Pet 1:3).

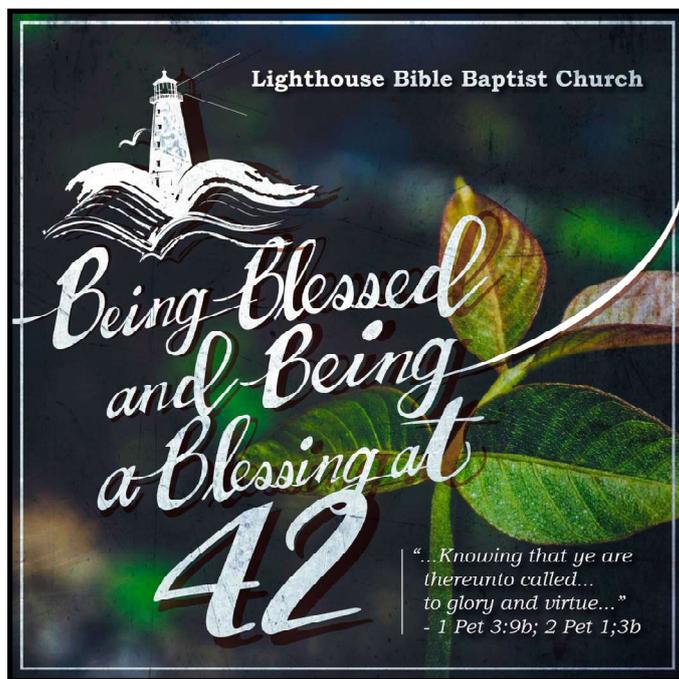
As we come to close the year 2018, we all give thanks and praises to our God for how He has taught us as His people. I say, this year is one of our best years because we have learned a lot as an Ekklesia - how that we must forget our petty problems as individuals and, together, learn to think and work as one, even be a blessing as one!

Peter explicitly tells us in our text above, we are "thereunto called" to be a blessing. Remember, when the Lord told Abraham that He would bless him, He also told him that he would be a blessing! He said in Gen 12:2, "...I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."

The direction therefore of being blessed is to be a blessing!

This is great truth that we have learned as an Ekklesia this year and, as we move on to another year, we enrich ourselves in this knowledge and pray that the Lord will even be more glorified in our midst as we realize the riches of His grace in us as an Ekklesia.

Here's greeting all of our people in Lighthouse BBC - AN ENRICHING NEW YEAR 2019 TO ALL OF US AS AN EKKLESIA! Enriching because the Bible says in 2 Cor 9:11, "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God."
- PRA



About 350 Lighthouse BBC members went to the CCT Tagaytay for the rare Sunday morning service outside of the church premises in Tatalon. Above is a picture after the service.

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 : BEING BLESSED AND BEING A BLESSING
AS AN EKKLESIA**

Text/s :

1 Peter 3:8-9, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

2 Peter 1:3, "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

INTRODUCTION

As this year 2018 comes to close, we pray that God's Word has taught each and everyone of us how to really move and act as one Ekklesia. As an Ekklesia, we are not simply concerned with the growth of the individual in his/her spiritual life, but even more importantly, we care to be concerned how we grow as one body, as an Ekklesia. Paul says in Eph 4:14-16, "That we henceforth be no more children...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things...fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

We started the year 2018 teaching everyone from God's Word that it is God's will for us to be as one body in doing His work. In order for this to be

manifested, we appreciated the fact that He has given us all things necessary for our growth and building-up as one body. The direction of this growth is that, we all, as one work, be a blessing.

A) First Quarter Focus: Being Blessed to be a Blessing

We cannot be a blessing as we should, except that we be settled in the truth that we have been blessed. God's Word teaches us that we are blessed as His people.

Eph 1:3 says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. Moreover, Gal 3:9 says, "...they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham."

B) Second Quarter Focus: Being Equipped to be a Blessing

It is one thing to know that we are blessed. But it is quite another to be equipped from our being blessed so we may be a blessing.

Paul says in Eph 4:15-16, "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

The term "speaking the truth" means telling forth the Word - which is the truth. It is the Word which equips us.

C) Third Quarter Focus: Being Proved to be a Blessing

Along with the Word, we are proven and made stronger by the trial of our faith - the



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testings which prove how we are strong in doing God's Word no matter what we face.

Peter says in 1 Peter 1:7, "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ."

D) Fourth Quarter Focus: Being a Blessing

When we have been established in these truths, then we really can be a blessing. 1 Peter 5:10-11 says, "the God of all grace..make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."



Top photo, Pastor Reuben, along with Pastor Bong Escala and PM Dick Ku and the Collab lead the song service last Sunday at CCT Tagaytay. Lower photo, Pastor Reuben is shown leading the Lighthouse Family Camp 2018 Bible Quiz. Team Blue took the Championship, followed by Team Black, Team Red, Green and Orange. Everyone, of course, is a winner!

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