"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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# ALL LIGHTHOUSE BBC MEMBERS ENJOINED TO OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF THANKSGIVING

**"Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!**
**And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing" (Ps 107:21-22).**

Of the many offerings God's people can give to Him in His work, it is the sacrifice of thanksgiving that comes as highest in significance.

In our text above, notice how the psalmist David uses the word "sacrifice" as verb instead of the usual term, "offer." Such use makes this kind of offering even more significant compared to the rest.

We can offer to God various kinds of offerings but they are actually, often, the usual kind. These usual offerings, can actually be given even by an unbeliever. But to make or give a "sacrifice" as a matter of thanks is not ordinary. This is something that is learned and observed with utmost care and preparation.

The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:5 describes God's people as "lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." What this means is, there is this inherent quality in what we are as God's people that makes us to offer up the various spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God. And what else can be most acceptable to Him than to offer thanksgiving in sacrifice?

**ONLY THREE (3) WEEKS REMAIN UNTIL THE 42nd ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION ON MARCH 18!**

Some scenes during the presentation of the Lighthouse District 6 last Sunday night in which they portrayed the importance of spiritual health.

**First Quarter Focus :**
***Being Blessed to be a Blessing***

Eph 1:3, "Blessed be God...Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON**
Lesson No. 2Thes070217-03

**TITLE : THE DAY OF THE LORD AND THE CONSOLATION OF BELIEVERS ON THE DAY OF THE LORD**
**TEXT : 2 THES 2:1-17**

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**INTRODUCTION**

In our study of the Chapter 1 of this book, we learned that the Apostle Paul mainly wrote the Epistle to encourage the Thessalonian believers concerning the "persecutions and tribulations that ye endure" (1:4) and how they "may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God for which ye suffer."

Chapter 2 of this Epistle deals with the error apparently introduced by some to the Thessalonian believers that the day of the Lord had come because of the kind of persecution and tribulations they were going through as cited in vs 2-3 where Paul says, "...be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition..."

**A) Facts about "the day of the Lord" (vs 1-3).**

1) The term "the day of Christ" (more properly translation, the day of the Lord) used by Paul in this passage should have a reference to the coming Great Tribulation period.. This is quite obvious as the very reason of the writing of the epistle is all about the persecution and tribulations that they endure. The term does not refer to the future millenial reign of the Lord Jesus.

Note that there seems to have been someone in Thessalonica who had subverted Paul's teachings about the rapture (see 1 Thes 4:13-18) and the day of the Lord. It appears that the Thessalonian church had become uncertain as to the whether the day of the Lord might already be at hand. It was then necessary for Paul to remind them of what he had taught them and to provide further truth about these great events.

2) The term "falling away" (v3) is commonly transliterated as "the apostasy" and by the term, is assumed to apply to the final great and world-wide apostasy (see 1 Tim 4:1-3; 2 Tim 3:1-5; 4:3,4).

While this may be true, and indeed, we realize in our midst today an even greater apostasy in our day, we need to see this in another light.

Nowhere in the whole of 1 and 2 Thessalonians does Paul talk about an "apostasy" or "departure from the faith" although reference is made to the "son of perdition" who will oppose and exalt himself.

What we appreciate from Paul's specific epistle is this: that he intends to be very definitive that they are not yet in the "day of the Lord."

The term "falling away" is derived from 2 Greek words "apo" (away from) and "stasi" (standing). It thus should properly be rendered "standing away" instead of "falling away."

In 1 Thess, Paul made no reference to a coming departure from the faith, but he discussed at length a coming "departure from the earth by all believers, when Christ returns to meet them in the air (1 Thes 4:13-18) - which, is a picture of a "standing away from" and very specifically, Paul teaches that this rapture must happen first before the great tribulation.

3) The term "man of sin...son of perdition" (v3) is a reference to the AntiChrist. The first name refers to his character, while the second speaks of his origin.
According to v3, his identity will only be revealed after the rapture has taken place.

**- to be continued -**


WATCH The **LIGHTHOUSE CAFE TV TALK SHOW and MGA MUNTING ILAW** every Saturday; and **THE PULPIT**, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on CIGNAL. The **Mga Munting Ilaw Kids Show** is seen every Saturday and Sunday, 12n and 5pm. GCTV programs may also be viewed via the GCTV Mobile App downloadable from PlayStore for Android phones, free. Mobile App for IOS will be coming soon.

Top photos, young boys and lolas in the Lighthouse District 6 give their special numbers. Lower photos, additional scenes in their portrayal of spiritual wellness. The scheduled hosting and presentation of the Lighthouse Young People will be rescheduled for next week in favor of the concert of the Lighthouse Stewards v3.6 tonight.