



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

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**Being Enriched  
in All Things  
in 2019**

**2 Cor 9:11**  
"...Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness..."

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## THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST ENRICHES THE EKKLESIA IN HIS GRACE

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us...hath quickened us together with Christ...and hath raised us up together...that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus" (Eph 2:4-7).

What really is the value of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to us as His people? Even to us as His Ekklesia? The Apostle Paul in our text, writing to the church in Ephesus, explains to them the importance and significance of the resurrection of Christ.

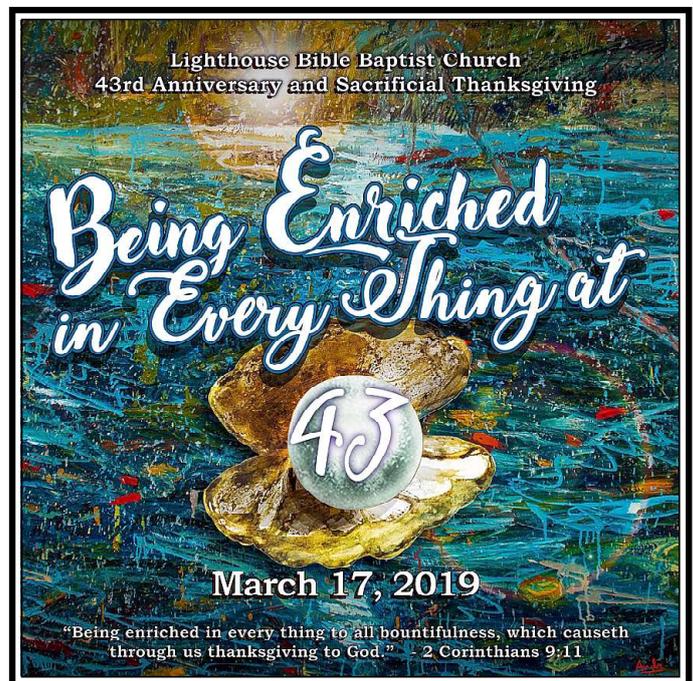
The general accepted view of many Biblical churches and Christians is that the resurrection of Christ is only a victory over sin and death.

But what the Apostle Paul declares in our text is the truth that the resurrection of Christ, applied to us, meaning, in our being quickened together with Him, and being raised up together, affords to us all the exceeding riches in His grace seen in His redemptive work.

The death, burial and resurrection of Christ manifest the greatness of His grace in us. And His grace is not just sufficient to save to the uttermost, but is exceedingly rich so we can, as His people, live and work according to the glory seen in His resurrection.

The victory that we have in the resurrection of Christ is not therefore a passive victory but one that is proactive. One that can make each member of Lighthouse intentional in being fruitful according to His grace.

This is how resurrection should be celebrated by all Lighthouse people.



The Lighthouse District 6 presenting a short drama of how God's people are enriched in their "grace land" the Ekklesia, as each of the members works in the fertile grace land.

**Second Quarter Focus :**

*Being Enriched by Him in All Gifts According to His Grace*

"...ye come behind in no gift...." (1 Cor 1:7).

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

TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO 1 TIMOTHY

**A) Background**

The letters of Paul to Timothy and Titus are traditionally called "Pastoral Letters" because in these letters, Paul lays down some foundational truths about churches through Timothy and Titus, being pastors.

**B) Authorship**

This epistle was written by Paul. Prevailing opinion is that this was written between his first and second imprisonment between AD65 and 67. Paul met Timothy during his 2nd missionary journey about AD51. He wrote this letter to Timothy from Macedonia some 15 to 16 years later before his last visit to Jerusalem.

Paul's travel notes in 1 Tim through Titus (1:3; 2 Tim 1:17; 4:9, 13, 20; Titus 1:5; 3:12) do not match events in Acts. These, plus Paul's mention of his impending death in 2 Tim suggest the following after the narrative in Acts:

- He was released from house arrest mentioned in Acts 28:30-31;
- He traveled extensively (as reflected in the above mentioned references);
- He was then arrested again. This seems to be a situation as gleaned from 2 Tim 1:17; 4:9, 13, 20). The following verses suggest prison life (2 Tim 1:8; 2:9; 4:6-22).

It is believed that 1 Timothy was the first epistle to be written from Macedonia (1:3). The epistle to Titus came later, and 2 Timothy some 3-5 years later.

**C) Reason for the writing**

Several reasons can be seen for the writing of this epistle:

- To encourage Timothy in his faith (chp 1);
- To instruct him concerning church structure and organization (chp 2-3);
- To instruct him concerning pastoral leadership and conduct (chp 4-6).

**D) About Timothy**

- A native of Lystra (Acts 16:1);
- His mother was a Jewess, his father was a Greek. Mother's name was Eunice, Grandmother's name was Lois (2 Tim 1:5);
- He joined Paul on his 2nd missionary journey, about AD51 (Acts 16:3).
- His choice indicated of God (1 Tim 1:18);
- He was set apart by the elders and Paul (1 Tim 4:14; 2 Tim 1:6);
- He accompanied Paul to Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea. He stayed at Berea until Paul sent him to Athens (Acts 17:14-15);
- He was sent back to Thessalonica (1 Thes 3:1-2);
- Upon return from Thessalonica, Paul had gone to Corinth (Acts 18:5; 1 Thes 3:6);
- He joined in writing the Thessalonian letters (1 Thes 1:1; 2 Thes 1:1);
- Later Paul sent him from Ephesus to Corinth (1 Cor 4:17);
- Paul joined him in Macedonia, and he joined in the writing of 2 Cor (Acts 19:22; 2 Cor 1:1);
- He went part way on Paul's journey to Jerusalem (Acts 20:4);
- He is mentioned to be with Paul in Rome (Phil 1:1; 2:19-22; Col 1:1, Phil 1);
- He is later in Ephesus, where this letter is addressed to him;
- He was urged to come to Rome. Whether he reached Rome before Paul's death is not known;
- He is mentioned in Heb 13:23 as having been released from prison;
- He was timid and retiring by nature, not as well fitted as Titus for handling trouble makers;
- He was not in the best of health (1 Tim 5:23);
- He and Luke were Paul's two most constant companions and Paul loved him so dearly;
- Tradition says that after Paul's death, he had the care of the Ephesian church;
- He suffered martyrdom under Nerva or Domitia, making him a co-worker with the Apostle John.



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**E) About Ephesus**

This was where Paul did his greatest work, about AD54-57 (Acts 19). Some 4 years later after he left Ephesus, from his Roman imprisonment, he wrote the Epistle to the Ephesian Church, about AD62.

A little later, about AD 65-67, he addressed this epistle to Timothy about the work in Ephesus. Later, Ephesus became the home of the Apostle John, where he wrote his Gospel, his epistles and the book of Revelation.

When Paul bade the Ephesian elders farewell in Acts 20:25, he told them that they would not see his face again. It seems, however, his long imprisonment changed his plans, and some 6 or 7 years later, after release from Roman prison, he revisited Ephesus. Passing on to Macedonia, he left Timothy at Ephesus, expecting himself soon to return (1 Tim 1:3; 3:14). Being detained in Macedonia longer than he had planned (3:15), he wrote Timothy this letter. - continued -



The Lighthouse District 6 doing their final act illustrating how every member of the Ekklesia can be enriched as they work in the vineyard of God considering that the "grace land" they are in is filled with the exceeding riches of the grace of God. Only, each one has to work. Praise God for their relevant presentation.

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