



"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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC STARTS NEW YEAR 2020 WITH SUNRISE SERVICE ON WEDNESDAY

"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink,
or in respect of any holyday, or of the new moon,
or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come;
but the body is of Christ" (Col 2:16-17).

The New Year 2020 comes to us on Wednesday, January 1. On occasions like this, we come together as a work of God and hold a New Year's Sunrise Service so we can begin the new year with a recognition of what we are as God's people and present ourselves to our God with a right heart and a fresh start.

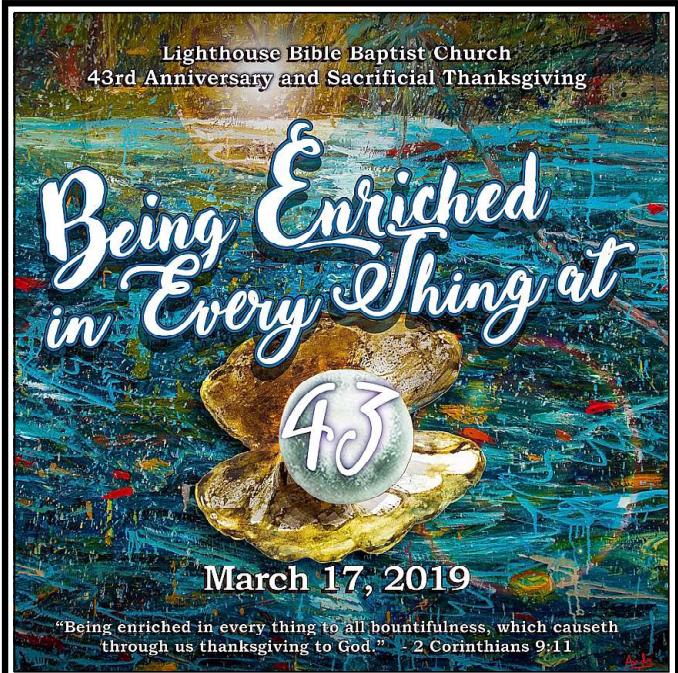
This is not so much of simply being like those who observe a religious tradition as going to a mass on a holy day. Nor is it an activity which many believe they should do so that the new year may bring fortune or good luck. Such things are referred to as mere shadows or symbols.

What we do when we come together for a service on New Year's day is in recognition of what Christ is to us and what we are in Him. We are His body and what we are is of Christ. This means, He is the preeminent Being in us. This is not a tradition or a principle. This is Christ in us and our being of Christ.

I therefore enjoin everyone in Lighthouse to be in our place of worship here in Tatalon on Wednesday, 8am, New Year's day. And I ask even our leaders to encourage all our people from all our districts and fellowship groups to be present.

This New Year's service, being a Wednesday morning also means that we will not be having our Doctrine Class on Tuesday. I would rather that all our families prepare all members and be together as Ekklesia on Wednesday morning.

- PRA



Pastor Reuben is shown winding up his morning message during the Morning Service last Sunday held at the Mt Makiling Re-Creation Center, Sto Tomas, Batangas.

Fourth Quarter Focus :

Being Enriched by His abundant grace and, through thanksgiving, glorifying God.

"...that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God..." (2 Cor. 4:15).

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

ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON
Special Year End Lesson

TITLE : OUR ENRICHMENT.
THE LORD KNOWS WHAT WE DO.
TEXT : REV 2:1-5

INTRODUCTION

The Lord's letter to the Ephesian church is a good year-end lesson for the whole Lighthouse BBC considering the enrichment that we have in all the gifts God has bestowed to us. We might think ourselves so enriched that we do not see what things we lack. As we look forward to the New Year 2020, we need to have a good 20/20 vision.

The Ephesian church was the lead church in the whole of Asia minor having been pioneered by the Apostle Paul himself along with Aquila and Priscilla. Paul had deep personal relationship with the whole church. He wrote an epistle to them. He left them his son in the faith, Timothy.

After some significant years of existence as a church, the Lord Jesus writes to them through the Apostle John in our text and tells them how He knows what they do.

A) The Lord knows their works - WHAT WE DO WITH PURPOSE.

It was to the Ephesian church to which the Apostle Paul wrote the great truth about the gift of God that is salvation by grace through faith. To them also was written the great truth about our being the workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus - a workmanship designed for good works. See Eph 2:8-9; Eph 2:10; 2 Tim 1:8-9; 2 Tim 3:16-17).

The working of the work of God with purpose is therefore not new to the Ephesian church.

B) The Lord knows their labor - WHAT WE DO WITH COMMITMENT AND DETERMINATION.

Before the Apostle Paul left for Jerusalem, he declared to them his determination in life and service as an Apostle. See Acts 20:18-35.

They were taught to labor with commitment and determination.

C) The Lord knows their patience - WHAT WE DO WITH HOPE.

The Ephesian church was established in the hope of God's calling. They knew that in this hope, they must have patience.

Eph 1:18, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

D) The Lord knows how they could not bear them which were evil; how they tried them and found them to be liars - WHAT WE DO WITH VIGILANCE.

Acts 20:28-30, "Take heed 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. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them."

E) The Lord knows what they have borne, what patience they showed and how for His Name's sake have labored, and have not fainted - WHAT WE DO WITH DILIGENCE.

The Apostle Paul showed them by example and by way of instruction how they should be diligent in the work.

Acts 20:18-21, "And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the

lying in wait of the Jews: and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ." Acts 20:31-34, "Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears...Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me."

F) The Lord knows that they lacked...Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love - WHAT WE DO OUT OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST IN US.

The very first truth that Paul gave them...

Eph 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

Eph 3:16-19, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."



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The Lighthouse BBC Choir is seen giving their number during the morning services held at the Mt Makiling Re-Creation Center in Sto Tomas, Batangas last Sunday, during the Lighthouse Family Camp 2019. It was a joint service with the presence of Lighthouse family of churches - Lighthouse BBC Cainta, Lighthouse BBC Pasig, Lighthouse BBC Taguig, Lighthouse BBC Olongapo. The whole camp experience further enriched God's people in the work of the Lord.

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