



"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 CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING THROUGH FIRSTFRUITS NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT 15

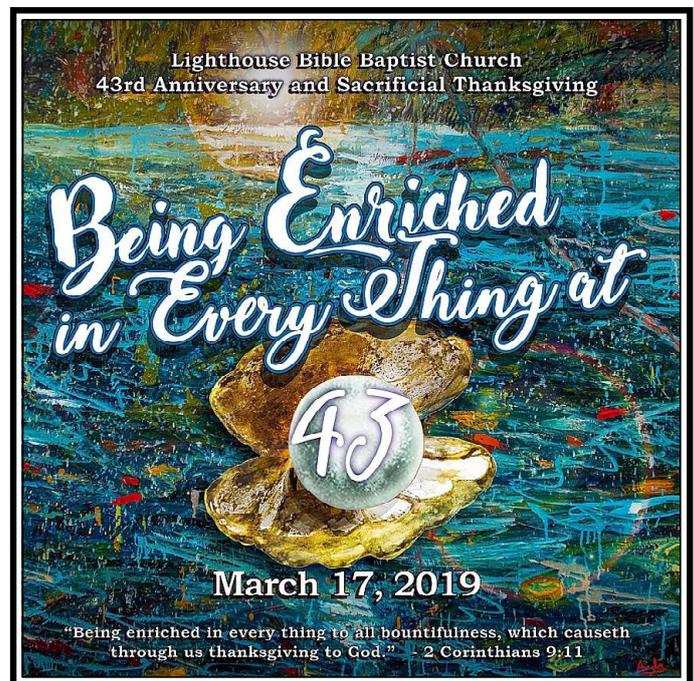
"Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord" (1 Chron 16:8-10).

The primary responsibility of God's people that precedes all others is that of giving thanks. This truth is reflected in how the verses above is written. Here, we take note that David, indicates that the giving of thanks comes first before all other things God's people should do. The Word of God also reiterates this truth when this psalm is again used in Ps 105:1-3.

As God's people, we consider foundational what the Word of God lays down for us. His Word is what defines us as His people and, accordingly, we should learn that the giving of thanks should be the first that we should do after we realize all the good deeds that God had done for us.

This is exactly the very premise when the Lord instructed the Hebrew children to offer to Him Firstfruits when they finally entered and possessed the land of promise. The following verses make this clear: Deut 26:1,11 -- "And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein...thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you."

May as we look forward to our Thanksgiving Through Firstfruits Celebration next Sunday, we consider the great deeds of God to us as Lighthouse BBC and consequently, come to Him with our sincere giving of thanks evidenced by an offering of firstfruits. The real truth of the matter is, Thanksgiving is our true Firstfruits and this is evidenced by our offering. - PRA



The Lighthouse District 6 members sing the song, In My Heart There Rings a Melody, a song that indicates the primary responsibility of God's people - that of thanksgiving.

Third Quarter Focus :

Being Enriched in Every Thing to all Bountifulness

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

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Special Lesson

TITLE : FIRSTFRUITS: THE THANKSGIVING OF FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD.

TEXT : DEUT 26:1-2

"AND IT SHALL BE, WHEN THOU ART COME IN UNTO THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE FOR AN INHERITANCE, AND POSSESSEST IT, AND DWELLEST THEREIN; THAT THOU SHALT TAKE OF THE FIRST OF ALL THE FRUIT OF THE EARTH, WHICH THOU SHALT BRING OF THY LAND THAT THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE..."

INTRODUCTION

The entrance of the nation of Israel into the rich land of Canaan and their possession of the good land is a picture of how the New Testament Church, the Ekklesia, also enters the rich sphere of ministry filled with the riches of the grace of God. As a body of Christ, the Ekklesia stands as one institution that stewards the manifold grace of God.

As the nation of Israel was instructed by God to offer thanksgiving to Him through firstfruits upon their possession of the good land, so must the Ekklesia also offer to God a thanksgiving which represents all the goodness from the abounding grace of God in the whole body.

A) Like how the nation of Israel was enriched in the land of Promise, the Ekklesia is also an enriched body of people because of the Grace of God.

1 Cor 1:5-7, "...in every thing ye are enriched by him...so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

B) Like how the nation of Israel offered thanksgiving through firstfruits to God as a matter of priority, the Ekklesia also offers thanksgiving through firstfruits to God as a matter of priority.

2 Cor 4:15, "For all things are for your sakes,

that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God."

2 Cor 9:11-12, "Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God. For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God."

C) Like how the nation of Israel offered thanksgiving through firstfruits as a people of God, the Ekklesia also offers thanksgiving as a body.

1 Peter 2:9-10, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

D) Like how the nation of Israel recognized their emancipation from bondage when they offered thanksgiving through firstfruits, the Ekklesia also recognizes how in the past they were not a people of God, but have become His very own people.

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1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

E) Like how the nation of Israel offered thanksgiving through firstfruits year by year, the Ekklesia



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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 at 7pm. Moreover, the **PopLife TV**, Ch 72 on **SkyCable** also airs **Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show** (Mon-Sat, 6-



7am), and **Mga Munting Ilaw** on **Sundays (6:30am)** and **Thurs (5pm)**.

also offers thanksgiving through firstfruits year by year.

Neh 10:35, "35 And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord."

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Top photo, the Lighthouse District 6 Men's Quartet singing the song, In My Heart There Rings a Melody. Lower photo, doctors attend to patients during the Community Wellness Outreach Program (CWOP) yesterday, Sept 7. A total of 2,212 were extended various medical and laboratory services. The CWOP also had a total of 457 volunteers. Praise God!

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