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

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**Able to Do Abundantly in 2020**

**Eph 3:20**
"...He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..."

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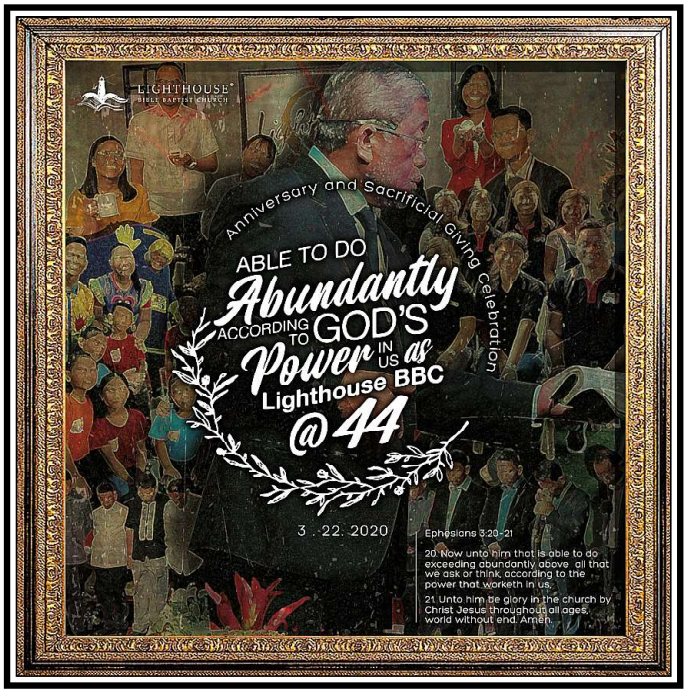
# LIGHTHOUSE BBC CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING THROUGH FIRSTFRUITS IN THREE (3) WEEKS

**"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: and call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Ps 50:14-15).**

**"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.**
**They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;**
**These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep" (Ps 107:21-24).**




We never think that thanksgiving is, in itself, a "business" that we should do both as His children and as His work. But it is. In fact, it is even a "business in great waters!"

The Apostle Paul told the church in Colosse, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7). Then, he told the Thessalonian church, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess 5:18).

From these verses we see that the giving of thanks is one of the solemn responsibilities of the Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus. It comes as a responsibility along with that of stewarding the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. It therefore is included in the term, "the work of the Lord."

Moreover, to the Colossian church, the Apostle Paul instructed that along wih being able to do all in word or deed in the name of the Lord Jesus, they should also do these "giving thanks to God and the Father by Him (Col 3:17). In fact, in Col 3:15, the apostle said, "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."

And so we see that the giving of thanks, being thankful and thanksgiving are things that are foundational in what we are as a work of the Lord. It is one of the spiritual sacrifices that we offer to God. 1 Peter 2:5 says, "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." And Heb 13:16 puts this very specific: "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Let us therefore be ready to offer to God ourthanksgiving through firstfruits. - PRA

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**Third Quarter Focus :**
***Able to Do Abundantly with Thanksgiving***

*"...whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him..." (Col 3:17).*

**ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON**
Special Lesson 5

**TITLE : WHAT WE SHOULD DO AS A CHURCH NOW**
**TEXT : COL 3:17, "AND WHATSOEVER YE DO IN WORD OR DEED, DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, GIVING THANKS TO GOD AND THE FATHER BY HIM."**

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**INTRODUCTION**

The Bible does not lack in anything thing that churches like us should know. And from the knowledge of these things, comes the doing - with wisdom and understanding of the will of God in us as Ekklesia.

**C) What we should do, we base from what the New Testament churches did (continued)**

**6) The Achaian and Corinthian churches**

Acts 18:1-3, "After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came to Corinth; and found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome:) and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers."

Acts 18:9-11, "Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city. And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them."

1 Cor 1:10-13, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"

1 Cor 2:12-16, "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."

1 Cor 5:9-11, "I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world.

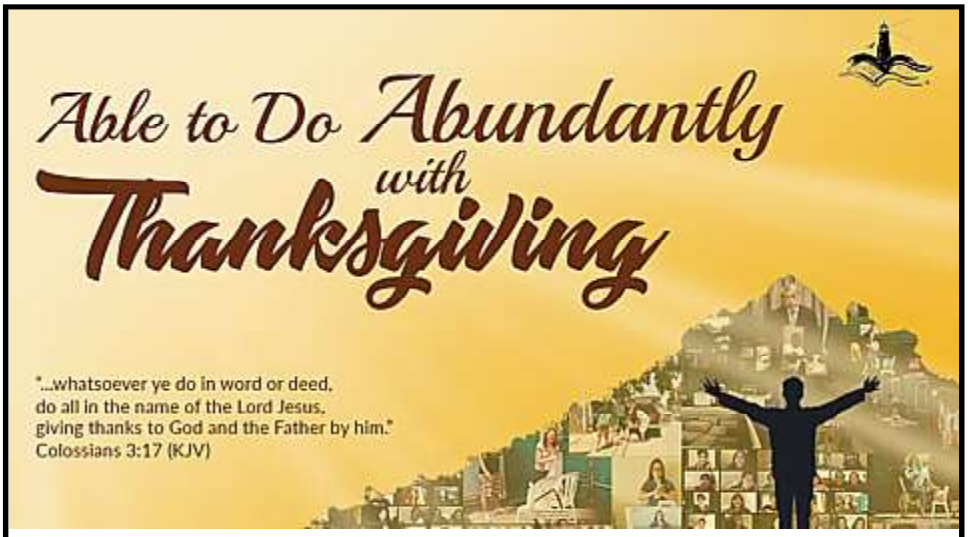
"But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat."

1 Cor 6:12, "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

1 Cor 10:23-24, "All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth."

1 Cor 12:4-11, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."




The countdown to the Thanksgiving Through Firstfruits being three (3) weeks today, emphasis on being thankful in everything as a church is made in all ministry activity.

1 Cor 12:31-13:3, "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

1 Cor 15:58, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

1 Cor 16:1-2, "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

2 Cor 8:7-8, "Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love.

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**7) The churches in Asia**

Acts 18:18-22, "And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow.

And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

When they desired him to tarry longer time with them, he consented not; but bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus. And when he had landed at Caesarea, and gone up, and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

Acts 19:1-11, "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve.

**- to be continued -**