



"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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FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH ABOUT THE MINISTRY DISCUSSED DURING THE EKKLESIA MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

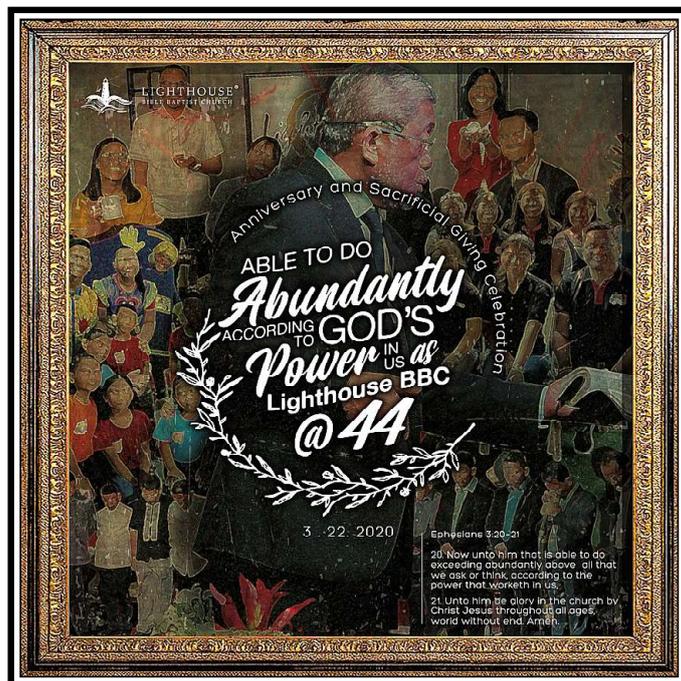
"...ye are of the household of God...built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in Whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in Whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph 2:19-22).

The Ekklesia Ministries Conference brought various churches within the Metropolitan, International and Lighthouse family of churches for three nights last Dec 1-3. During the afternoon sessions, pastors, preachers, students from the Ben Abante Baptist Bible College (BABBC) and Lighthouse BBC members joined the breakout groups via Zoom to discuss how the ministries of the Ekklesia extend to the individual lives of the members, even to where they are in their respective engagements in life.

Pastor Reuben once more, laid down some foundational truths about the Ekklesia and how each member of Lighthouse BBC should live according to these truths.

"The Ekklesia continues to exist despite the pandemic. The existence of the work of the Lord goes beyond the walls of our physical buildings and schedules. It continues through easy and difficult times and even through this period of pandemic, however no one can say for sure how long this will last. The existence of the Ekklesia is manifested in the lives and engagements of the members wherever they are," Pastor Reuben emphasized.

"The platform in this auditorium where we perform is therefore extended to where we live and work where we move and serve our God, showing His virtues in us and will in our lives," Pastor continued. - PRA



Fourth Quarter Focus :

Able to Do Abundantly for His pleasure and glory

"[Making] you perfect in every good work...working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight...to whom be glory for ever and ever..." (Heb 13:21).

"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 Lesson 7

TITLE : ABLE TO DO ABUNDANTLY ALL THINGS FOR HIS PLEASURE AND GLORY
TEXT : PHIL 2:13, "FOR IT IS GOD WHICH WORKETH IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO OF HIS GOOD PLEASURE."

INTRODUCTION

The key to pleasing the Lord is in knowing what things please Him. The problem is, even if we know what pleases Him, we are not equipped to follow this through. This is the reason why God works in us in order that we may be able to do, even abundantly, the things that please Him.

This is the very context of our text...Phil 2:13. "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." This verse may be paraphrased, "It is God Who works in you (as Ekklesia), to make you willing and able to do what pleases Him."

From the time we became children of God through faith in Christ Jesus, He has been working in us, especially as an Ekklesia, we realize how we abide in Him and He in us. And from what the Apostle Paul writes to the Colossian church in Eph 3:17-21, we understand that this abiding in Him and He in us can only be true in the context of the Ekklesia as he tells them --

"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 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.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

As we abide in Christ and He in us through His word, He works in us by giving us the following:

A) His love in us

Eph 3:16-21, "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..."

Eph 5:1-2, "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

1 John 4:9-12, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

B) His peace in us

John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

John 20:21, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Rom 5:1, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Rom 8:6, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

Phil 4:7-9, "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

C) His joy in us

John 15:11, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

John 17:13, "And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves."

Phil 2:17-18, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all. For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me."

D) His grace in us

John 1:16-17, "And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Some truths about the grace of Christ

1) Through the grace of Christ we have redemption, forgiveness of sins.

Eph 1:7, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

2) The grace of Christ made us rich.

2 Cor 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

3) The grace of Christ make us to be perfect, established, strengthened, settled even after we suffer awhile.

1 Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

4) The grace of Christ make us to commit to others what we have heard and learned ourselves.

2 Tim 2:1-2, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

5) The grace Christ abounds more than sin.

Rom 5:20-21, "Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

6) The grace of Christ to us is the measure by which we offer Him praise and glory.

Eph 1:5-6, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

7) The grace of God is the resource from which our strength is made perfect in weakness.

2 Cor 12:9-10, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

8) The grace of Christ is seen to be abundant as we work out our faith in the love of Christ in us.

1 Tim 1:14, "And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."



Pastor Reuben poses with the rest of the Lighthouse BBC pastors present at the last night of the Ekklesia Ministries Conference last December 3. However limited in the physical gathering, the EMC was well attended by various Lighthouse BBC related churches and missions.

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