



"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 ADDS MORE TO DO THIS MONTH IN CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

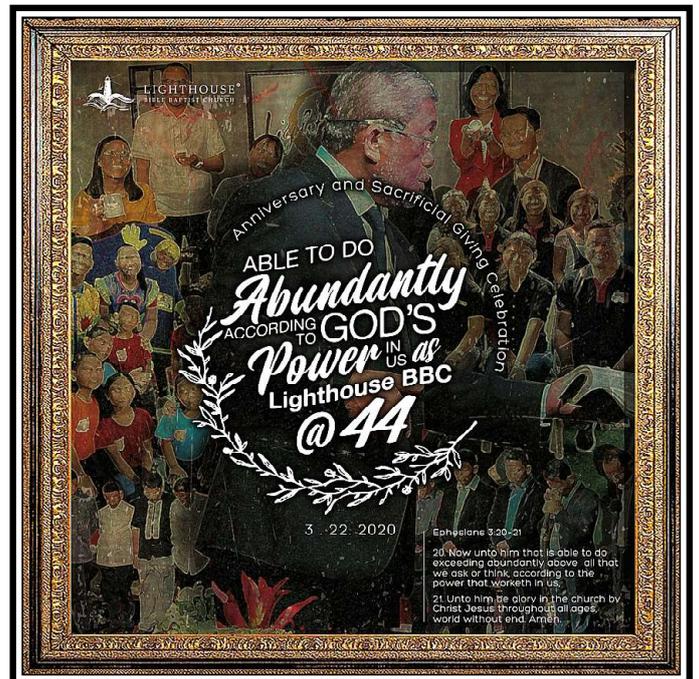
"Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ" (Col 2:16-17).

T rue to the church theme for this year, Able to Do Abundantly in 2020, Pastor Reuben, once more, leads the Lighthouse BBC into putting more substance during the celebration of Christmas. "The world celebrates Christmas as simply some holidays. We don't. For us as Ekklesia, Christmas is the celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ to the flesh to give His life a ransom for many. And we need to keep this as the core and substance of everything we do this season," Pastor Reuben said.

We need to do things that only the people of God do as a work. And what can be greater than reaching out to all our people wherever they are and cherishing the coming of Christ, the fellowship and work that we are as Lighthouse BBC," Pastor Reuben continues.

For this reason, on Dec 18, 20-23, there will be a Midnight Watch (Christmas Edition) Coming Together every 10pm to 12 midnight. This will be an online Coming Together through the Lighthouse BBC platforms such as the Lighthouse Spectrum, LighthouseBBC App, Lighthouse BBC YouTube Channel and Facebook Page. During these nights, Pastor Reuben will interact with different Lighthouse works, Districts and Fellowship Groups. In lieu of the usual caroling by districts, the choir will be featured each night using their pre-recorded carols. The program will also make use of all other social media platforms to talk directly to people local and abroad.

More details will be given regarding the Midnight Watch from the pulpit.



For the first time after 9 months, the Lighthouse BBC choir uses the choir loft in recording Christmas carols for the Midnight Watch (Christmas Edition) which will run every 10pm-12mn on Dec 18, 20-23 with a trial run on Dec 16 and 17.

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)

TITLE : PRIVILEGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
TEXT : 1 JOHN 4:2-3, "HEREBY KNOW YE THE SPIRIT OF GOD: EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSETH THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS OF GOD: AND EVERY SPIRIT THAT CONFESSETH NOT THAT JESUS CHRIST IS COME IN THE FLESH IS NOT OF GOD: AND THIS IS THAT SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST, WHEREOF YE HAVE HEARD THAT IT SHOULD COME; AND EVEN NOW ALREADY IS IT IN THE WORLD."

INTRODUCTION

The world is full of rejection of the word of truth. Included in this rejection is the turning of God's truth into a lie and worshipping the creature more than the Creator Himself (Rom 1:25).

As Lighthouse BBC, we are careful to recognize the glory of God in any event of our lives, even in "holidays" which this world designates. Paul writes in Col 2:16-17, "Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a 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." Further, 1 Cor 10:31, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Some verses that give importance to the recognition of Christ's coming in the flesh:

1 John 4:2-3, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

John 1:14, "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."

1 Tim 3:16, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,

preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

Gal 4:4-5, "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

1 John 5:20, "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life."

1 John 1:2-3, "For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

Phil 2:5-11, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

A) The great message of Christmas is this:

Rom 8:3-4, "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

This is what we proclaim - that the Son of God came and took the human form and dwelt among us to give His life a ransom for many.

B) The whole creation has been designed by God to declare His glory...

Luke 19:37-40, "And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest.

And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.

And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."

Ps 19:1, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork."

C) Even the ungodly Sodom and Gomorrah and Nineveh serve as a reminder for us not just to be ungodly but to be better than them in our profession.

2 Peter 2:6, "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly."

Matt 12:41-42, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here."

C) The Christian life is a life of proclamation. We continuously send a message with our lives and with our testimony.

1 John 4:2, "Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God."

1 Thess 1:8-10, "For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to Godward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.

For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."

D) This is an answer to those who cannot make a reference to Christ's coming in the flesh.

1 Tim 3:16, "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

E) This is an answer to those who cannot believe that Christ is both man and deity.

Every time we celebrate His incarnation, it also is a confession that He is deity Who took the human form. This is a reminder for us to keep this "confession" in our testimony.



Pastor Reuben is shown interviewing Erika Faith Abante during the Daily Lighthouse Coming Together (DLCT) last Friday in which he also introduced the program format that will be used during the Midnight Watch Christmas Edition on Dec 18, 20-23 from 10pm to 12mn.