



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

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**Able to Do  
Abundantly  
in 2020**

**Eph 3:20**

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exceeding abundantly  
above all that we ask or  
think..."

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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC BEGINS NEW YEAR WITH THEME, ABLE TO DO ABUNDANTLY IN 2020

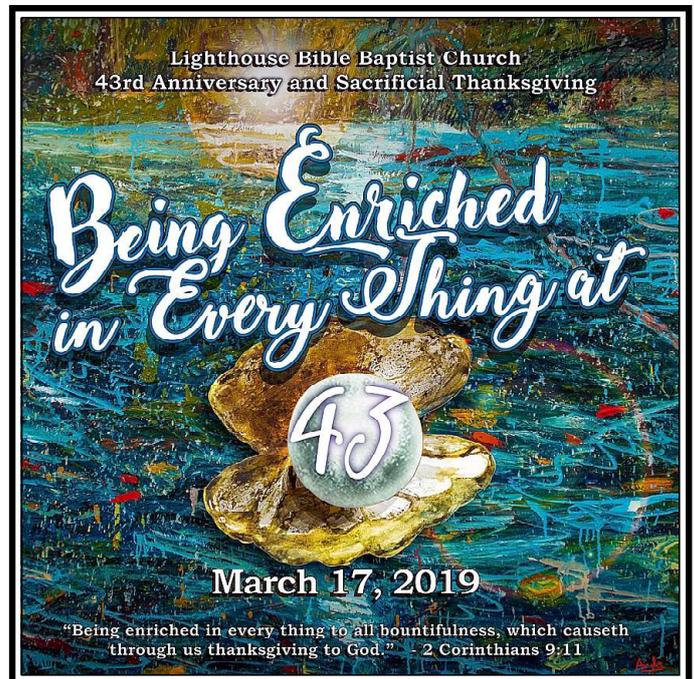
"...unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages..." (Eph 3:20-21).

**T**oday, the first Sunday of this brand new year, we launch our theme, Able to Do Abundantly in 2020.

The year 2019 was an enriching year for us as a work of the Lord. He enriched us in the many areas of our being His people. As a result, we have seen how the gifts from the grace of God were bestowed richly to our people. While we may not be liquid in so far as fund resources are concerned, we have seen how our people have been made "rich in good works," and even made richer in the virtues that ensure our fruitfulness as an Ekklesia.

I really praise God for how we see the reality of what the Apostle Peter says in 2 Pet 1:3-8 in all our Lighthouse BBC works, "According as His divine power hath given to unto as all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that had called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature...and beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful..."

Given all these equipping, according to the grace of God in us, by His Word and Spirit, let us all be Able to do abundantly in this new year 2020!



Attendees of the Lighthouse Family Camp pose for a group picture during the final day. Pastor Reuben already announced that the 2020 Family Camp will still be held at the same venue on Dec 26-28. We have one year to prepare for this significant event in the Lighthouse BBC ministry.

First Quarter Focus :

*Able to Do Abundantly as His Ekklesia*

"...It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure..." (Phil 2:13).

*"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 New Year 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 publickly, 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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Key leaders of some of the Baptist groups in the Philippines that compose the Alliance of Baptist Councils (ABC), a non-formal meeting of the leaders of the different Baptist groups in the country with Pastor Reuben as Convenor, met at The Metropolitan Club in Estrella, Makati last Monday in support of the move by the BIBLEMODE for the government's recognition of the presence of the different Baptist groups in the country, a recognition that will significantly help even the small independent Baptist churches in the whole Philippines. The BIBLEMODE and the ABC forged a partnership that will see the holding of the National Baptist Day at the SMX on January 16, Thursday from 3 to 9PM.

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