



"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 CHURCHES HOLD MINISTRIES SUNDAY TODAY

"As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

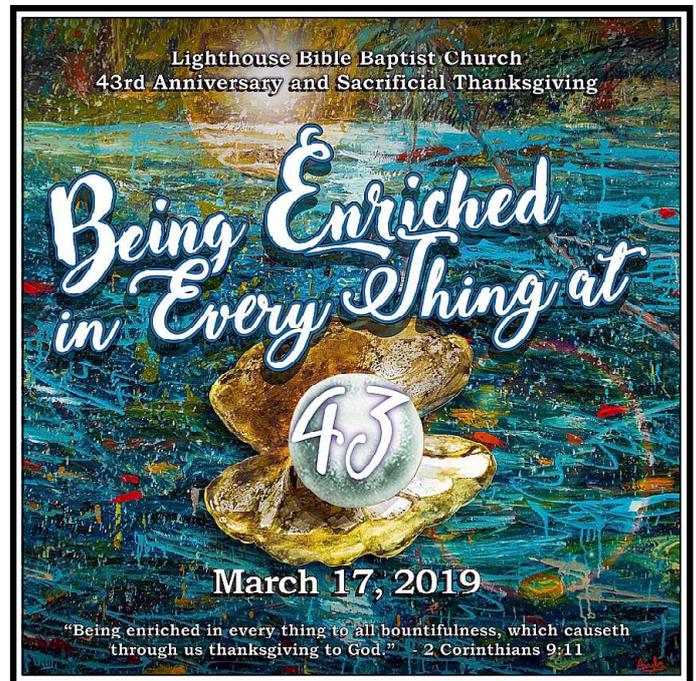
"...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal" (1 Cor 12:7).

Today, starting at 3PM, the Lighthouse family of churches will come together for a joint service and hold our Ministries Sunday. Instead of having our annual Ministries Workshop which is held at least for 2 nights, the afternoon and evening of this day will serve as the time when Pastor Reuben shall discuss with everyone the ministries direction of the whole Lighthouse family this 2020.

Everyone in this work of the Lord knows that the ministry is not done by just the pastor himself or some selected people like the preachers, workers and staff. Everyone knows that the work is done by all.

The letter of the Paul to the Ephesian church illustrates this truth. In Eph 1:1, he addresses the epistle to the "saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus." Paul did not mention any name in the book, but Tychicus (6:21) who he said "shall make known unto you all things."

But there are very specific people who are saints in Ephesus, meaning, members of the Ephesian church who the Apostle Paul cited in chapters 5 and 6. They are the husbands and wives (5), children (6:1), parents (6:1), fathers and mothers (6:2,4), servants (6:5) and even masters (6:9). These people constitute the saints in Ephesus, who, not only receive instructions from the Apostle on how they should conduct their domestic responsibilities, but are practically taught what everyone should do in all aspects of their lives as part of the Ekklesia.



Pastor Reuben is shown giving the opening remarks during the final program of the Celebration of the 120-year Presence of the Baptist Churches in the Philippines at the SMX MOA last January 16 as President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Senators Bong Go, Cynthia Villar and Pastor Benny Abante intently listen. The event is also known as the National Baptist Day.

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)*

This actually means that our ministries do not exist just within the sphere of what we do when we gather as God's people. Our ministries extend right in the very privacy of our respective homes, offices, communities, schools - practically all the spheres of our existence.

The Ekklesia is not universal. But it is an institution that extends wherever our members are, in every sphere, environment and "world" we are in. In these areas of our lives should be found our ministries.

When the Apostle Paul told the Ephesian church to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, that they take the whole armor of God so they may stand against the wiles of the devil (6:10-18), these strength, power and armor of God must be in all the members wherever they may be. The qualities mentioned here must be qualities that should be found in the lives of every member of the Ekklesia wherever they are.

Every member of the Ekklesia "is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ" (Eph 4:7). This grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ is what each one uses to supply each member of the body as "every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part" (4:16). This is what the Apostle Peter refers to when he wrote

in 1 Peter 4:10, "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

What these verses tell us is, since every member of the Ekklesia has this grace according to the gifts of Christ, each one of us must then "minister" one to another as good stewards of such grace and gift!

It therefore follows that each one of us, as members of the Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ must take this truth to heart.

Our theme for this year is Able to Do Abundantly in 2020. We pick up from the enriching year of 2019 in all things.

In 2019, we appreciated the riches that we have as we settle and become grounded in Christ as an Ekklesia. He is the rich land wherein we dwell. And whatever we do in the land (that is Christ) according to His Word, we are sure to harvest. The Lord promised the nation of Israel that they would have bread without scarceness and that they would not lack anything in it. The Lord described Canaan in Deut 8:9 as being "a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it..."

Such is what we are as a people of God and what we have as we are settled and grounded

in Christ Who is our Rock. But we need to be able to sow and reap and harvest according to how we should in the rich land of Christ where we are. This is the ministry which we need to do.

As your Pastor, I enjoin everyone to be present as we, during our Ministries Sunday today, are joined by the rest of our Lighthouse works in Metro Manila this 3PM. We will be discussing how we can be able to do abundantly as a work of the Lord this year 2020.

I ask all our preachers, Pastor's Men, Sentinels to enjoin everyone to be present. Let us realize the truth of what Paul says to the Ephesian church: "...speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ" (Eph 4:15). - PRA



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Top photo, the Lighthouse District 2 members illustrate how the Ekklesia is a body of people made up of husbands, wives, children, parents, servants, masters moving and working as one. Lower photo, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte do a Two-Thumbs-Up (inset) in appreciation of the song, Jesus Saves, as rendered by BIBLEMODE's 600-voice choir and 120-member orchestra, conducted by Pastor Reuben during the Celebration of the 120-year Presence of the Baptist Churches in the Philippines at the SMX MOA last January 16. The historical gathering was attended by more than 7,000 Baptist leaders, pastors, churches and Baptist groups in the country. At least, 18 Baptist groups were represented and each leader gave their respective messages. Pastor Benny, as President of the BIBLEMODE and Pastor Reuben, as Lead Convenor of the Alliance of Baptist Councils (ABC), were the organizers of the historical event, along with the Metropolitan BBE and Lighthouse BBC.

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