



"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 MAKES ADJUSTMENTS TO IN-PERSON COMING TOGETHER

"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality..." (Rom 12:9-13).

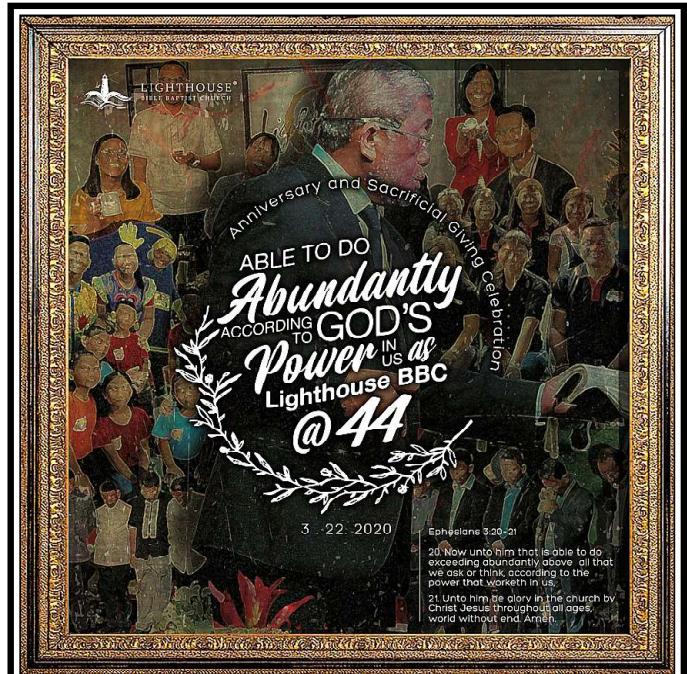
Immediately after enumerating the different gifts distributed by the Lord to members of His Ekklesia, the Apostle Paul also enumerated the corresponding proper attitude in the exercise and conduct of such gifts. The text above is but a portion of what should be the attitude in the exercise of the gifts, and which discussion extends until the end of chapter 12.

In this time of pandemic, however limited and challenging, we continue to exercise the different gifts being the bases of our ministries. In doing so, there is the need for us to look into, and be aware, of how we observe the virtues that should be seen in these ministries.

The Apostle Paul, in 1 Cor 12:31, exhorts the Corinthian church that as they desire to be able to observe their respective gifts, they should do so in the "excellent way" of manifesting the love of Christ in them.

This is also what the Apostle tells the churches in Rome as he begins our text above with the words, "Let love be without dissimulation (without hypocrisy or deceit). He was enjoining everyone to have the genuine love of Christ in them as they manifest their abilities in the ministry.

Of particular note, as we consider this pandemic time, verses 12 and 13, which should be ever present as we continue in the work of the Lord. Paul



Pastor Reuben is back to his animated self as he preaches to a crowd of 75 during the in-person Sunday Coming Together last week. Adjustments to increase the seating to 100 is being made by the Lighthouse Protocol Committee, consistent with government regulations.

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 6

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

We all need to understand the Biblical truth that we do not have anything in ourselves so that we can do what is pleasing to God.

This is the reason why He gave us His word -- so that by His word, we can have faith; and by the working out of this faith in us, we can please Him. Heb 11:6, "...without faith it is impossible to please him..."

Man is "wired" to please "someone." But he has been so corrupted by the world that he turned to himself to please only himself. This is the reason the Bible constantly teaches us "not to please ourselves" and reminds us to take the example of the Lord Jesus Who pleased the Father; and He did so to the finish.

John 8:29, "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

John 4:34, "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work."

Taking Christ's example, Paul admonishes the Roman churches, Rom 15:1-3, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification. For even Christ pleased not himself..." (Rom 15:1-3).

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 Ekklisia), to make you willing and able to do what pleases Him."

A) It pleases God that we are in Him and He in us. So He works in us so that this may be true .

Col 2:6-7, "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."

Eph 3:17-19, "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."

1) He came to our lives by faith and along with Him, the Spirit.

Rom 8:1,4-5, 11-14, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit."

"But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

2) We are to Him as His word abides in us.

John 15:3, "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

John 15:7, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

John 15:10-11, "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

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

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."

3) Our being in Him and He in us should be an ever present reality as long as we are in this world.

John 14:16-18, "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 15:4-5, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

John 17:23, "I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me."

1 Cor 1:30-31, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

4) This union in Christ shall have its completion in glory.

Rev 21:1-5, "And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful."

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says, "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

May as we continue to go through this time of pandemic and quarantine, as we make some adjustments to our in-person Coming Together, as some of our people remain in their homes, that these words may be so true in the hearts and lives of all our people.

Continue to be safe and serving the Lord.

-PRA



Pastor Reuben views the balcony just before the start of the Sunday Coming Together last week. For the first time in 7 months, the balcony has been opened to limited seating.

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