



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

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as One in 2021**

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LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY OF CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES BEGIN THE YEAR OF BEING EDIFIED AS ONE

"...unto every one of us is given grace...for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..." (Eph 4:7-12).

This New Year 2021 we have the third and the last of what has been in development in our church themes since 2019.

In 2019, our theme was Being Enriched in Everything in 2019.

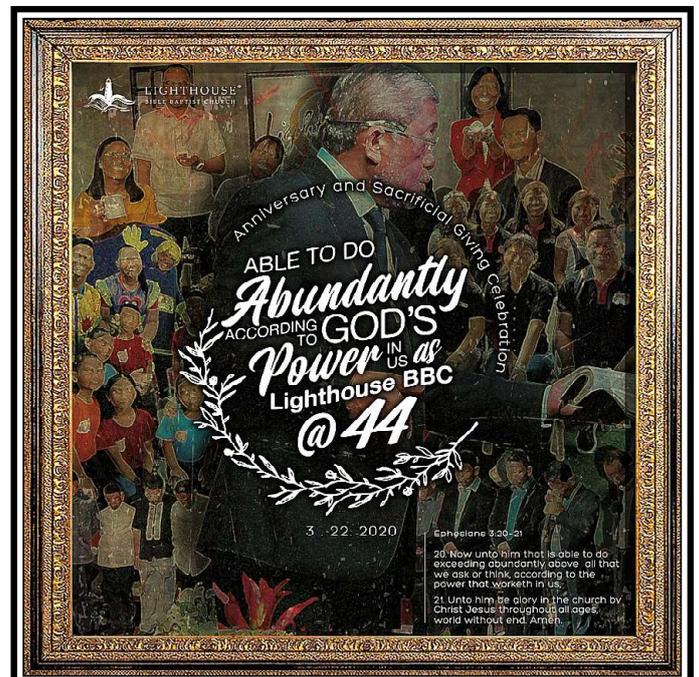
In 2020, our theme was Able to Do Abundantly in 2020.

This year, we recognize that the year 2019 prepared us into being enriched to do the good works (ministries) into which God had ordained us to exist. This is very clear in what Paul says in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

In 2020, we realized how we could be abundant in such works and ministries despite the limitations brought about by the corona virus and COVID19. We truly offer praise and thanksgiving to God how Lighthouse BBC works were never closed down in doing the work of the Lord.

This year, 2021, with our theme, Being Edified as One in 2021, we prayerfully ask the Lord to make us to really grow and be built-up, edified, not as individuals or even families, but together, as we are fitly joined together, grow, be edified as a body of believers, as a true Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ.

As we all greet each other Happy New Year and as we wish and pray for a blessing-filled 2021, may we progress and grow as one body of believers wherever we are placed by God as Lighthouse BBCs in our respective places. Praise God for His abundant grace to all. A blessing-filled 2021 to everyone!



However limited because of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ) in effect, Lighthouse BBC had the New Year Coming Together.

First Quarter Focus :

"Fitly joined, growing together, increasing in build as a body in the love of Christ" (Eph 4:16).

"[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 : OUR STRONG AND EVERLASTING
CONSOLATION**

TEXT : 2 Thess 2:16-17

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.”

INTRODUCTION

As we enter this New Year 2021 and consider our theme, Being Edified as One in 2021, we look at the great, strong and everlasting consolation that we have in our Lord Jesus Christ, because if we do, we realize that it is upon this consolation that we actually get to be established in the work.

This is what the Apostle Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica as quoted in the text above.

We do not begin this New Year with the feeling that we have been wasted in 2020, that we have lost everything. On the other hand we actually gained, not the material but the more lasting, even eternal things that are before God, as we do the work, gold, silver and precious stone.

Paul says in 1 Cor 3:9-14, “For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, ye are God’s building.”

According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man’s work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the

fire shall try every man’s work of what sort it is. If any man’s work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

We have the foundational work of the Apostles in us and we need to be careful on how we build upon what they have laid down. This is one of the areas we have consolation in Christ. We have strong and everlasting consolation because:

A) Of the Christ in us.

Eph 3:17-21, “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.”

2 Cor 1:3-4, “Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation. And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so shall ye be also of the consolation.”

Christ our Redeemer dwells in us. As He does, we become rooted and grounded in love, and we are able to understand with all members the love of Christ which goes

beyond knowledge. We are the ransomed and redeemed in Christ.

Isa 35:10, “And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.”

Isa 51:11-16, “Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; and forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?

The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.

But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.”

2 Cor 4:17-5:1, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

B) Of the Spirit in us.

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 14:26-27, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. 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.”

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The Lighthouse SWYP is seen hosting the All Lighthouse Family Virtual Camp which was held last Dec 29-30 in which more than 500 people registered to join. The virtual camp was a good time to grow together in the knowledge of God’s Word through the ever exciting Bible Quiz led by Pastor Reuben. All group colors were winners during the worthy event.