



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

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Being Edified as One in 2021

Eph 4:7,12
"...unto everyone of us is given grace... for the edifying of the body of Christ..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC BEGINS COUNTDOWN FOR 45TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION ON MAR 21

"...behold, the Lord hath kept me alive...these forty and five years...as yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now..." (Josh 14:10-11).

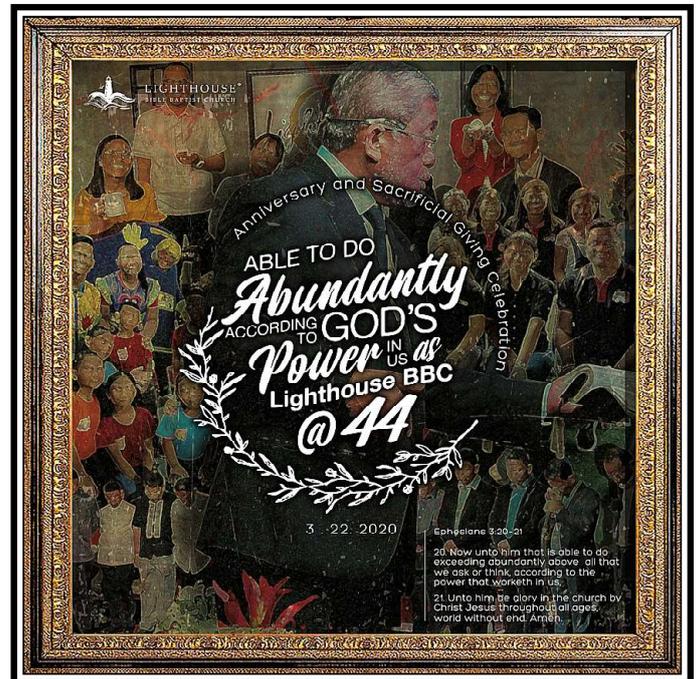
Today, the whole of Lighthouse BBC sets its eyes, with all its people and ministries, to its 45th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration on March 21, 2021 which comes just eight (8) weeks from now.

It was on a Friday on March 26, 1976 when about 76 members of the then Bible Baptist Mission of Cardiz, Banawe came together, and by authority of the Bible Baptist Church of Sta Ana, Manila, were challenged to cleave to the Lord and committedly signed the charter and was organized.

That organization into a church came in the midst of the many challenges faced by Tatay Ben Abante before many who thought that he would not be used by the Lord to start a ministry and pastor a church without material support from other churches. But the grace of God was more abundant than the challenges.

Now, as the Lighthouse BBC approaches its 45th year as an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus, even as there is a continuing challenge in the midst of the pandemic, the word of His grace continues to build up the work through the leadership of Pastor Reuben, along with faithful pastors, Pastor's Men, Sentinels, Fellowship Leaders and everyone involved in the many ministries.

"As Caleb was telling Moses in the text above, 45 years had passed and the Lord did not simply keep him alive but has given him strength through those years. And he even said, 'as my strength was then, even so is my strength now.'" Such is what we have! Praise God," Pastor Reuben said.



Picture shows Pastor Reuben as he leads the National Baptist Day Celebration last January 18 at the Metropolitan BBE. With him were Pastor and Dep Speaker Benny Abante Jr and Pastor Joey Sauco. More than 120,000 joined the celebration through live streaming.

First Quarter Focus :

"Fitly joined, growing together, increasing in build as a body in the love of Christ"

"...fitly joined together and compacted... maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love..." (Eph 4:16).

"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: - continued -

C) Of His word in us.

John 15:12, “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.”

1 John 1:1-4, “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life...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. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”

1 Peter 1:8-13, “Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory...Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

1 Thess 4:15-18, “For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord...Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

John 17:14-21, “I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.”

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”

D) Of the blessed, living hope in us all because of His grace.

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.”

Col 1:27-28, “To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus”

With all these things in us, how can we not be built together as one?

Rom 8:25, “...we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope...But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”

Rom 5:2-5, “By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”

Heb 6:11-12, “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.”

E) Indeed He is the God of consolation which makes us to be built and edified as one.

Rom 15:5-7, “Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God.”

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Some special guests, BIBLEMODE, ABC and MBBE leaders pose during the 2nd National Baptist Day Celebration held at the MBBE last Monday, Jan 18. At the platform are, from left, Pastor Reuben, Pastor David Quizon (IBMA), Pastor Benny, Pastor Nestor Serano, Cong Alan Peter Cayetano, TESDA Dep DG Bertiz, Pastor Joey Saucó and Atty Princess Abante-Barquia.