



"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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## COUNTDOWN TO THANKSGIVING THROUGH FIRSTFRUITS BEGINS

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thes 5:18).

"Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Eph 5:20).

To offer thanksgiving to God in a time of difficulty and challenges may not be popular; but it remains to be "the will of God."

The churches of Thessalonica and Ephesus were taught this truth by the Apostle Paul no matter the persecutions and tribulations they experienced during their time. And they obeyed and are forever cited in the word of truth!

The most challenged man on earth in respect to things that come in life was Job. But in the midst of every he faced, the word of truth mentions what he declared: "...Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly" (Job 1:21-22).

There is a great difference between an individual offering thanksgiving to God and a body of people, an Ekklesia, being one in offering thanksgiving to

Him. In fact, there is much knowledge and wisdom seen in a body of people coming together for the purpose of offering God a thanksgiving sacrifice.

On September 19, just 10 weeks from today, the whole membership of Lighthouse BBC will come together to offer to God what serves our one thanksgiving firstfruits for the year. This "grace of giving" in us has made us abound in the many years that passed, especially during the worst situation last year, 2020.

As there were many valid reasons for us to continue working the ministry through this pandemic, there is more reason for us to observe the thanksgiving through firstfruits as a church come September.

We therefore do everything necessary for everyone in Lighthouse to be prepared for the worthy occasion, everyone from the youngest to the oldest member.

The recent Go LIGHT Nights revealed to us the many areas in which the Lord made us to be able and abounding. Indeed, the Lord has been showing us the truthfulness of His word as He makes us to be "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."

- PRA



In-person attendance during the Sunday Coming Together continues to increase even as the safety protocols are still implemented strictly. Pastor Reuben encourages everyone to be involved.



3rd Quarter Focus

**Being Joined Together, Each Part Effectually Working to Edify the Ekklesia in the Love of Christ**



Eph 4:16, "From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

Third Quarter Focus :

*"Being Joined Together. Each Part Effectually Working to Edify the Ekklesia in the Love of Christ"*

"...joined together...according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, 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 : Being joined together, each part effectively working to increase the building of the body in the love of Christ**

**TEXT :** Eph 4:16, "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love."

## INTRODUCTION

The word of truth teaches us what things do not bring profit.

### o This world brings no profit.

Matt 16:26, "For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Mark 8:36-37, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Luke 9:25, "For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?"

### o Outside the love of Christ, there is no profit.

1 Cor 13:1-3, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing."

### o Outside the word the truth, there is no profit.

John 6:63, "It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

1 Tim 4:8-9, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance."

### o The liturgy of religion does not bring profit.

Heb 13:9, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein."

1 Cor 8:8, "But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse."

Rom 14:17, "For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost."

Rom 14:2, "For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs."

## What brings real profit?

### 1)The Word.

2 Tim 3:16-17, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

Matt 4:4, "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

### 2)The Spirit.

1 Cor 12:7, "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. KJV

### 3)Godliness is profitable to all.

1 Tim 4:8-9, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance."

### 4)Godliness with contentment is great profit.

1 Tim 6:6-7, "But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out."

**It is godliness with contentment that the word of truth refers to as being a great gain.**

### All about godliness:

1 Tim 4:8-9, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance."

2 Tim 3:1-5, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

Titus 1:16, "They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate." - to be continued -



The TGLFI-ALERT extended the ELISA Antigen Tests to the Lighthouse ministry personnel and those who have been vaccinated among the members to check how they raise antibodies to fight the virus. Studies are being made to make everyone equipped in mind and body.

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