



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

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**Being Faithful
and True in 2022**

Rev 22:6,7
"These sayings are
faithful and true...
blessed is he that
keepeth..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC HOLDS BLESSING-FILLED 46th ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION

"...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" (Eph 3:20-21).

Knowing and comprehending the love of Christ and learning Christ Himself by taking His yoke upon us as an Ekklesia are simply the Biblical reasons why God crowned our 46th Anniversary and Sacrificial celebration last Sunday with what clearly was a proof of His ability "to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think"!

Everyone in Lighthouse BBC can look back to how the Lord made a good preparation in us when we launched the annual theme, Being Faithful and True in 2022, and the 1st quarter focus, Knowing Him Who is True, Being in Him Who is True. Indeed, there is no greater quality that may be found in an Ekklesia but the manifestation of what it possesses

- the knowledge, wisdom and understanding of Christ Himself, the Ekklesia being His very body.

As we start-off our entry into our 46th year, as your pastor, I cannot help but look at the sum of 46 years as being made up of the 23 years of Tatay Ben Abante's leadership plus the 23 years of the grace of God in my leadership. And how true the declaration of Tatay Abante then when he said, "This preacher is not indispensable in the continuance of this ministry... God is!"

It is not therefore Tatay Ben Abante or Pastor RA which made up the 46 years but Christ Himself, "...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" (1 Cor 1:30-31).

We look back at the two years of pandemic with much thanksgiving for how we have been sustained; but more importantly, let us be more thankful that we have been made His very people!

Praise God that we are Christ's Ekklesia! - PRA

LIGHTHOUSE
BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST QUARTER FOCUS

KNOWING HIM WHO IS TRUE, BEING IN HIM WHO IS TRUE

"...that we may
know Him that is true...
we are in Him
that is true..."

1 John 5:20

**BEING FAITHFUL
& TRUE IN 2022**



Pastor RA as he leads the congregation in singing songs describing God as being Faithful and True.

First Quarter Focus :

"Knowing Him Who is True, Being in Him Who is True"

"...that we may Know Him that is true...we are in Him that is true..." (1 John 5:20).

"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)

TITLE : OUR WORTHINESS AS EKKLESIA, OUR SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES.

TEXT :

1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

INTRODUCTION

The Ekklesia is a body of people who have been accepted in the Beloved.

Paul says in Eph 1:4-6, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

What he says is, we have been accepted by God through the sacrifice of His dear Son.

A) The Ekklesia, as a body should manifest its worthiness of such acceptance.

Eph 4:1, "I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called."

Col 1:10, "That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God."

1 Thess 2:12, "That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory."

2 Thess 1:11-12, "Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

B) The Ekklesia should "prove" what is acceptable to the Lord.

Eph 5:8-10, "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto the Lord."

Rom 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of

God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

C) The word of truth has been ministered to the Ekklesia that our offerings may be acceptable to God.

Rom 15:16, "That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost."

D) The Ekklesia is equipped by the examples of the early churches by way of their acceptable sacrifices.

Phil 4:18, "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

E) More examples of works acceptable to God.

1 Peter 2:20, "For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God."

1 Tim 2:1-4, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

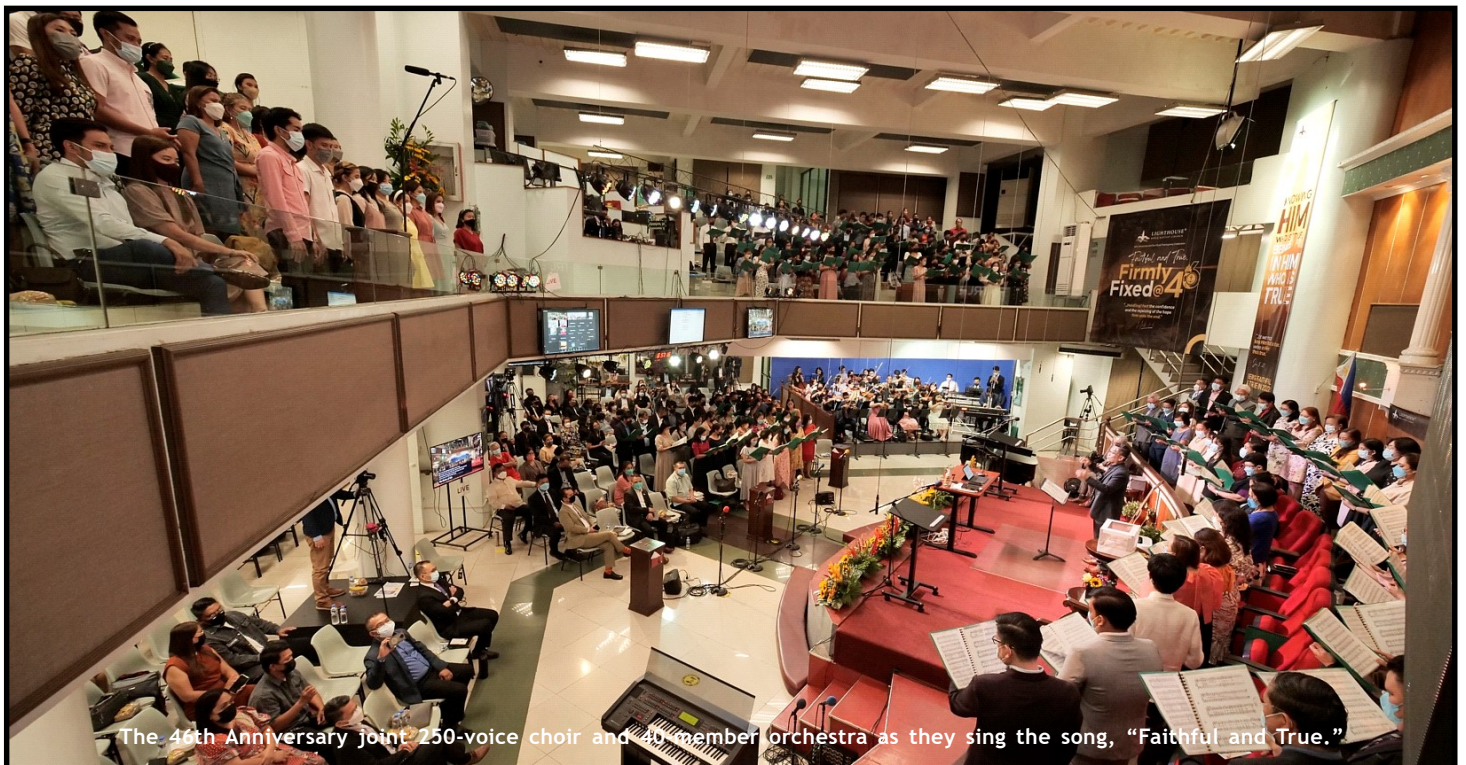
1 Tim 5:4, "But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God."

F) Christ is worthy to receive such acceptable sacrifices.

Rev 4:11, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created."

Rev 5:12, "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing."

2 Cor 5:9-10, "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."



The 46th Anniversary Joint 250-voice choir and 40-member orchestra as they sing the song, "Faithful and True."

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