



"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 BEGINS 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER FOCUS

"Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 John 2:8).

As a church, we cannot be faithful and true if we fail to consider that "darkness is past, and the true light now shines" in our lives. Our recognition of this truth will make us "shine the true light" to everyone around us.

The Apostle Paul told the Ephesian church in Eph 5:8-10, "...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."

The fact that we are in the light makes it possible for us to walk as children of light and bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, which fruit is seen in all acts of goodness, righteousness and truth. Only in all these can we prove what is acceptable to the Lord Jesus.

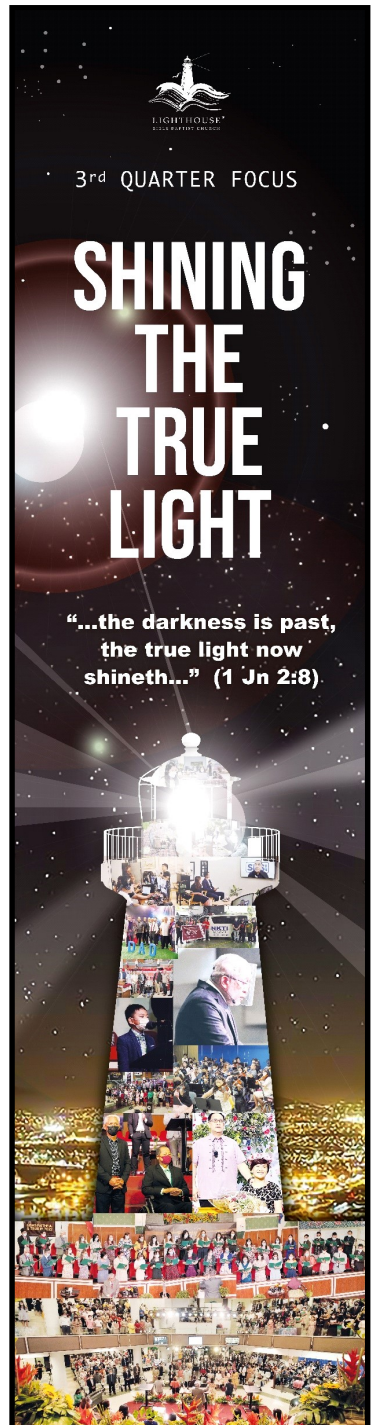
True fellowship of the members of the Ekklesia is based on how everyone walks in the light as He is in the light. This is clearly taught by the Apostle John in 1 John 1:7, "...if we walk in the light, as he is in

the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." And what this indicates for us is, the bases of our fellowship one with another are not the material or temporal things, not earthly advocacies, not political or business ventures. Not physical, material needs. The basis is simply our walk in the light.

Being Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, we pray that the Lord will give us grace to indeed make us to walk in the light and to shine the true light. We pray that our being Lighthouse will not just be a name of a certain work of God but qualities of members' lives and ministries.

The Lord has faithfully seen us through, providing for our needs and making us to overcome many challenges throughout our history. The pandemic in which we are in for more than 2 years now clearly manifest how our God is faithful and true.

The pandemic may not be over even at this time. But surely, the darkness of sin that brings condemnation is past and we all need to consider ourselves dead to the hold of sin. Paul says, "...reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom 6:11). Such is how we can all shine the true light of the Christ in us. - PRA



Pastor Reuben is flanked by the Lighthouse BBC's Pastor's Men along with the super heroes as they pose in celebration of Father's Sunday. The photo studio remains until today to give opportunity to all fathers to have their portraits taken. Lighthouse BBC looks forward to Family Sunday in August.

Third Quarter Focus

*"Shining the True Light"*

"...the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 John 2:8).

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



TITLE : PRACTICES OF BIBLICAL NEW TESTAMENT EKKLESIA  
TEXT :

1 Cor 11:2, "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you."

2 Thess 2:15-17, " Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. 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

What are the practices of the New Testament churches that we must keep if we are to remain Biblical Baptist Churches? We all know we as a church "are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone" (Eph 2:19-20).

We must be careful then that we keep as our pattern, the early churches in the New Testament and careful, too, that we keep the precepts and practices of the early churches in the conduct of the ministry - as delivered to them by the Apostles.

We are careful to say, however, that the "traditions" or practices we refer to are those observed by New Testament Churches and not as Jewish customs. We do not intend to make Jewish communities out of our church; but what we want to maintain are practices of the New Testament Churches.

We are also careful that we do not adopt these "traditions" or practices as equal to the two ordinances of the New Testament Church, which are baptism and the Lord's Supper. Rather, these are traditions or practices that make us the peculiar people that we are.

Some of these Biblical Practices are: (continued)

## 2. The practice of desiring the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

Preaching and teaching is as old as our faith. No amount of program, music or presentation can replace these two. They are central to what we are as New Testament Churches. This is the reason

why the pulpit remains to be at the center of our stage. We preach and teach "precept upon precept, line upon line."

The preaching and teaching of the Word of God is central in the existence of every New Testament Baptist Church. No amount of program, music or otherwise can replace them. As Biblical Baptist churches we believe that the Word of God must be delivered through preachings and teachings, "precept upon precept, line upon line." Moreover we believe that the preaching of the Word of God should not be limited in time. It is through preaching and teaching that a man is "perfected" in Christ.

Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

2 Tim 4:2-5, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine..."

## 3. The practice of diligently studying the Word of God.

Acts 17:10-11, "And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

2 Tim 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

## 4. The practice of passionately seeing people saved, baptized and growing.

Acts 2:41-42, 46-47, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."

"And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."

Acts 5:14, "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women."

Acts 8:12, "But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women."

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The Lighthouse Youth Fellowship and the Single Working Young People joined together to sing the song, "I Have Been Blessed" as a treat to fathers as they were given recognition and honor last Sunday. It was thrilling to finally see some presentations made physically.

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