



"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 FAMILY SUNDAY NEXT WEEK

"...a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us" (Acts 16:14-15).

"And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16:33-34).

The church in Philippi is known by how Paul commended them for being the only one which supported him when he departed from Macedonia and continued his work in all the regions around Corinth and Achaia. Their sacrifice was cited by Paul in Phil 4:18 as being "an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."

In fact, in his letter to the Corinthian church, Paul said of the Philippian church, "...when I was present with you, and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was lacking to me the brethren which

came from Macedonia supplied..." (2 Cor 11:9).

Not so many people today realize that the work in Philippi started with the involvement of families as mentioned in our text above, namely, the families of Lydia and of the jailor. It is clearly indicated that their whole households believed and they became the core of the church in that city of Macedonia.

Also, one cannot but notice Paul's commendation of the Philippian church when he said in Phil 1:9-11, "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ; being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God."

What we should appreciate in this letter is, that Paul was not just commending a church (as a body) but as one in which the work is done by families or households having all family members involved in everything.

This example is what we want to be seen in Lighthouse BBC as we recognize families next week as we hold our Family Sunday. We pray that God, through His Word and Spirit, be a church in which ministries are done by many of our faithful households, with all family members involved in doing the work of God.

Don't fail to be present in our Family Sunday! - PRA



3rd QUARTER FOCUS

## SHINING THE TRUE LIGHT

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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.  
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#### 9. The practice of singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.

Eph 5:19-20, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Col 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

1 Cor 14:15, "What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."

#### 10. The practice of honoring the men of God.

Heb 13:7, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation."

Heb 13:24, "Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you."

Heb 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

1 Thess 5:12-13, "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves."

1 Tim 5:17-18, "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward."

#### 11. The practice of making impact and being relevant to society.

Phil 2:15-16, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life..."

Acts 17:6, "And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also."

1 Tim 2:1-3, "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; 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."

1 Peter 2:12, "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation."

Rom 13:3, "...rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same."

#### 12. The practice of waiting, looking forward, loving and making everyone ready for the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ

Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ."

1 Cor 1:7-8, "...ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ"

2 Tim 4:8, "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

1 Thess 5:23, "...the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Peter 3:12-14, "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? ...Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless."  
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It was a busy day yesterday at Lighthouse BBC as several functions happen all at the same time, which include the Blood Letting Drive and the Lighthouse Academy Orientation. Not in picture were the Legal Aid Clinic, the Mga Munting Ilaw shoot and Baptist Riders United meeting.

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