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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 OFFERS TO GOD THANKSGIVING FIRSTFRUITS ON SUN

"I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (Ps 116:17-18).

"...let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing" (Ps 107:22).

s Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, we finally come to the last week of our preparation and look forward to joyfully come together next Sunday, Sept 18, and offer to God our Thanksgiving Firstfruits for the whole year.

The word of truth does not lack in teaching us as His people to offer Him our Thanksgiving Firstfruits. And because we are a church, an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus, we take it upon ourselves to obey His word as a body of believers.

As the whole nation of Israel was commanded by God to offer Thanksgiving Firstfruits as one (see Deut 26), we also are instructed by the New Testament to offer thanksgiving as a body of believers. And we do this as a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We look forward to a grand celebration of God's goodness and grace through the whole year, from September last year to this year. Let us not forget how the Lord has made this so true in us as a church through what He declared through the Apostle Paul, that in all circumstances in life and ministry, His grace is sufficient and His strength is always made perfect in weakness (2 Cor 12:9).

As Ekklesia, we bear the truth of His word at all times. Needless to say, we offer Him thanks through good times or bad times, simply because it is His will that we give thanks. Therefore, we give Him thanks intentionally, sacrificially, unconditionally.

Let us all be ready then and bring with us our Thanksgiving Firstfruits. - PRA

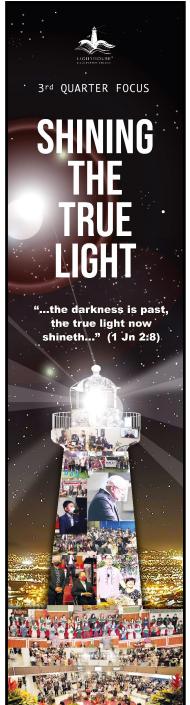




Pastor Reuben, along with Atty Amor Perdigon and crew of the Lighthouse Cafe Talk Show pose for a picture with Pastor and Mrs Pasigon of the Mountain Trail BBC at the Northern Blossom in Sayangan, Atok, Benguet. The farm will be featured in the Lighthouse BBC produced show tomorrow.

Third Quarter Focus: Shining the True Light

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



ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 09.11.2022

TITLE: THANKSGIVING IS KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM AND

UNDERSTANDING TEXT: Col 1:9-12

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light."

INTRODUCTION

Nobody offers thanksgiving without knowing why he does, without having wisdom in the way he gives thanks and even without having the understanding as to ultimate end of such giving of thanks.

Therefore, thanksgiving, in itself, is drawn from knowledge, wisdom and understanding.

What does thanksgiving indicate?

A) Knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the love of $\operatorname{\mathsf{God}}$ in $\operatorname{\mathsf{Christ}}$ in us.

1 Peter 1:8-9, "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: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

Rom 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:35, 38-39, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

B) Knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the truth of God in us 3 John 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

C) Knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the Grace of God.

1 Corinthians 15:10, "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

2 Corinthians 8:9 "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

2 Thessalonians 1:12, "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."

D) Knowledge, wisdom and understanding of the will of God and of what pleases God.

Heb 13:15-16, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

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

Hebrews 13:20-21, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

E) Knowledge, wisdom and understanding of His purpose in us.

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Top photo shows the morning exercises at the ALOFT, led by the Fit Buddies team of Dr Mhel Torres and Daisy Ku. Lower photo, those who joined the ALOFT pose for a picture during the closing. More than 180 joined the event which was held at the Tribe of Judah in Tanay, Rizal.