



"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 FAMILY OF CHURCHES HONORS GOD WITH THANKSGIVING FIRSTFRUITS

"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).

"...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"
(Heb 13:15-16).

circumstance we are in, mountain peaks and valleys
of life.

The corporate giving of thanks is not done
impulsively or conditionally. It is done in recognition
of the grace of God to us. This is clearly seen in the
example given by the churches in Macedonia as that
in Philippi and Thessalonica as recorded in 2 Cor 8:1-
3 where the Apostle writes, "Moreover, brethren,
we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on
the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial
of affliction the abundance of their joy and their
deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their
liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea,
and beyond their power they were willing of
themselves."

Let the word of God be true in keeping His people
and fulfilling His promises to those who obey Him.

We have finally come to the day of our celebration
of Thanksgiving Firstfruits as Lighthouse Bible
Baptist Church. We have looked forward to this
day from a few months back with anticipation of
the preparedness of our people for this sacrificial
celebration marked by intentional willingness.

The word of truth is clear in teaching us that it is
the will of God that we should give thanks in
everything and that, "always for all things." And as
we can see from our text above, these admonitions
are directed to churches to do, even corporately.

The will of God for all of us is to give thanks. And we
take it that this command should be true in whatever



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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 : 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 God in 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.

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...”
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Emily Ballesteros and Julie Dela Cruz, along with grandchildren, Eve & Ember, pose for a photo after fruits arrangements were done for the traditional display during Thanksgiving Firstfruits. This arrangement has been followed by many churches which observe the celebration.

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