



"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 OFFERS THANKSGIVING SACRIFICE

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you"
"...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 Thes 5:18; Heb 13:15-16).

this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldst keep all his commandments; and to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken."

In this same token, today, because of the mercy of God to us through Jesus Christ, 1 Peter 2:9-10 describes us as "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."

Indeed, Eph 3:20-21 is truth that we shine out as Eklesia, He is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Glory to His Name! - PRA

The one very specific thing which we recognize as God's will for us as a church to do is to be able to give thanks in everything, which the Apostle Paul says, is "the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you". And what can be a more significant and meaningful thanksgiving that that of offering a sacrifice of praise and thanks to His Name by doing good and "communicating", that is, giving an offering, a sacrifice of thanksgiving!

What we have done as Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church last Sunday, Sept 18, was definitely according to how God wants us to give thanks to Him. This kind of Thanksgiving Firstfruits is one that is consistent with the principles as learned from both the Old Testament and from the New Testament, as I have been preaching.

The Hebrew children, once they have possessed their Promised Land, and have done according to how the Lord had instructed for them to offer firstfruits to the Lord was "avouched" by the Lord in Deut 26:18-19, "...the Lord hath avouched thee



The Lighthouse Ensemble sings the song, Great is His Faithfulness during the Lighthouse Coming Together in Thanksgiving Firstfruits last Sunday afternoon. Top photo shows group picture at the end.

3rd QUARTER FOCUS

SHINING THE TRUE LIGHT

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

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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This is a beautiful scene showing the joint 180-voice choir, with the altar filled with colorful decoration of fruits, the LED monitors and banners during the eventful Lighthouse Coming Together for Thanksgiving Firstfruits last Sunday, Sept 18.

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