



"The entrance of Thy words giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Standing fast,
Serving God
as free in 2023.**

**Galatians 5:1;
Romans 6:22**

"Standfast...being made free from sin, and become servants to God..."

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GOD MAKES ALL GRACE ABOUND SO LIGHTHOUSE BBC MAY BE ABOUNDING TO EVERY GOOD WORK

"...God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work..." (2 Cor 9:8).

There are several things in the above passage that teach us how our God is able.

First, the verse teaches us that our God is able to make all His grace abound to His people. This means He bestows all His grace to us in abundance. That does not simply mean that He bestows all kinds of gifts but that He bestows each and all -- in abundance.

Second, that all the grace He bestows provide His people with sufficiency in all things - that even the sufficiency that we have is a sufficiency that is in abundance!

Thirdly, that the abundance of the "all grace", the abundance of the "sufficiency" translate to our being abounding to every good work. And, of course, this means that for "every" and "all good works" we do as an Ekklesia, we do in abundance!

While we have been reading this passage for so many years in our existence as a church, yet each time we read and study God's Word, there is more to grasp and to apply into our lives and ministry as a body of believers

that do the work of God. There is really no limit to the gracious truth that we get from the Word of God.

The Apostle Peter said it clearly, that we all need to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen" (2 Pet 3:18). And to grow, we must be nourished by the Word of God and being nourished, we need to learn in which areas the knowledge are applied in wisdom and understanding.

It is good that as Lighthouse BBC, we have our annual Stewardship Emphasis in which we can go back to the Word of Truth and see how we, not only should grow, be good, wise and faithful stewards of His grace, but to be abounding in every good work of grace.

Praise God for our Stewardship Emphasis!



LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH
THIRD QUARTER FOCUS

Standing in the True Grace of God

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1 PETER 5:12

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Dazelyn Ku sings the song, What Good Are Love Songs (If They Don't Make Us Lovers) during the Stewardship Emphasis night. Pastor Reuben used the same course of thought in the song to ask, What good are our claims of the greatness of the grace of God when these claims do not make us consistent with how the Grace of God was given to us?

Third Quarter Focus:

"Standing in the True Grace of God"

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

TITLE : THE WORKING OF THE TRUE GRACE OF GOD

Texts : "...the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.... I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand" (1 Pet 5:10-12).

INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Peter gives in this text the manifestations of how the true grace of God works in the lives of His dear children.

4) The true grace of God strengthens His people.

This is strength to go through sufferings and trials marked with patience and longsuffering. 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."

Eph 3:16, "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

2 Cor 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

2 Tim 4:16-18, "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge. Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

5) The true grace of God settles His people.

To be settled is to be strong and able in bringing others with you.

Eph 3:16-19, "...strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

2 Peter 1:10-11, "...give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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Top photos left and right, Lighthouse BBC members fill the south and north wing of the auditorium as Pastor Reuben delivers the message during the Stewardship Emphasis that was held on the nights of July 25 to 27. Lower photo, those who joined the last night of the Stewardship Emphasis face-to-face take the opportunity to pose for a picture.

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