

"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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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC OFFERS HANKSGIVING FIRSTFRUITS

"...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...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 ... " (Col 1:10-12).

"...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).

oday, the whole Lighthouse BBC offers Thanksgiving Firstfruits to God as one. We offer thanksgiving to God not simply because we receive from Him materially or physical things that

enrich us and give us gain on earth. Our thanksgiving to God is rather based on how, according to His abundant grace, we are made able to be fruitful, to abound in every good work, increasing our fruits of riahteousness.

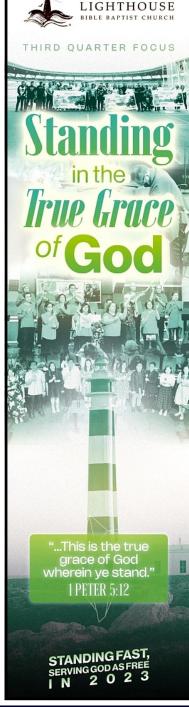
This is where we differ from others who simply offer thanksgivng to God being recipients of material and physical blessings.

When we were yet without Christ, all that we could do were dead works. But now that we are in Him, and we are made to be His people, we are given His manifold grace so that we may do good, fruitful works, even to abound in every good work that pleases Him.

As we give our offerings to God today, let us list down the "works" that He makes us able to do according to His abounding grace. These are the "first works" that we should never forget to thank God for; and just like how He reminded the Ephesian church, let us continually do the first works and with thanksgiving! - PRA



The sanctuary of the Lighthouse BBC Tatalon once again raises its beauty with the decoration of fruits, setting joy in the hearts as the Ekklesia offers to God Thanksgiving Offering.



Third Quarter Focus: Standing in the True Grace of God

"...This is the true grace of God wherein ye stand." (1 Peter 5:12)

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

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING TO GOD NOT FOR THE MATERIAL AND PHYSICAL THINGS WE RECEIVE FROM HIM AS HIS PEOPLE BUT FOR HOW WE ARE ABLE TO WE ABOUND TO EVERY GOOD WORK BECAUSE OF HIS GRACE

"...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...and increase the fruits of your righteousness;) being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:7-11).

ere are some pictures of some ministry groups within Lighthouse BBC who are much involved in building the work as a church. As your Pastor, let me commend everyone in our people who have "a mind to work" (Neh 4:6), for how the manifold grace of God is faithfully stewarded in your lives.

The pictures here show our Pastor's Men (not in picture are PMs Eric Torres and Tony Hernandez); the Lighthouse Media personnel, the Nursery Staff, the Lighthouse Chamber Orchestra (not in picture are Directors Koii Esmele, Joses Santiago and Mon Quemada) and our Children of Light Club (CLC) teachers. These are just but some of the many areas of ministries in Lighthouse BBC according to the manifold grace of God.

These are the reasons for our great Thanksgiving to God today. The firstfruits that we offer represent our commitment "...to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice..." (Deut 26:17).





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