



"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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A THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THANKSGIVING FIRSTFRUITS

"...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).

The Thanksgiving Firstfruits last Sunday is one great good work that we thank God for as we recognize that without His being our God Who is able Who makes all grace abound to and in us, we could not have done such a good work as one Ekklesia!

Let us then come before Him continually with thanksgiving and praise through another year as the Lord Jesus tarries His coming! - PRA

WHAT THANKSGIVING FIRSTFRUITS IS TO LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

In order for us to realize the Biblical meaning of Thanksgiving Firstfruits to us as an Ekklesia, we need to look at what both the Old Testament and the New Testament teach, as applied to God's people, Israel, and to Christ's body, the Ekklesia. Note the following verses:

"Thou hast avouched the Lord this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice...And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his (next page)



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THIRD QUARTER FOCUS



Standing in the True Grace of God



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

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IN 2023**



Pastor Reuben as he preaches the Word during the Thanksgiving Firstfruits joint Coming Together last Sunday afternoon. Praise God for His abounding all grace to His people, Lighthouse BBC!

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)

peculiar people...in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the Lord thy God..." (Deut 26:17-19).

"...ye are 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" (1 Pet 2:9).

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:11-14).

From the above references, we clearly see that during the day when God's people come to Him in Thanksgiving Firstfruits, it is the day when:

- 1) God's people come before Him as one, having been fruitful in the rich land of grace in which God has placed them. Such is where the Ekklesia dwell in the riches of the grace of God in Christ Jesus;
- 2) God's people make a declaration that He is their God, that they would walk in His ways, keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments and His voice (words); that because of His grace, they would live soberly, righteously, godly, looking forward to His glorious return;
- 3) God makes a declaration that His people are indeed His peculiar people in praise, name, honour, being a holy people for Him; who show forth the praises of him Who called them out of darkness into His marvelous light.

LIGHTHOUSE BBC OFFERS THANKSGIVING FIRSTFRUITS



Above are some scenes during the Thanksgiving Firstfruits last Sunday as the Lighthouse BBC offered thanksgiving to God as one Ekklesia, from top: Pastor Reuben as he preaches, the Pastor's Men, the 200-member joint choir and the collective picture just before the day ended.

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