



"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 ENTERS 4TH QUARTER WITH NEW FOCUS

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving" (Col 2:6-7).

Today we enter the fourth quarter of the year and we introduce to everyone our new focus: "Walking Freely in Christ: Rooted, Built-up, Established, Abounding with Thanksgiving."

Our focus prepares us for the planned Ekklesia Conference on Nov 29-Dec 1 which also bears this focus as its theme.

"What defines and makes a church?" is the question that we want to be answered during the Conference, which, if we all understand, will make us a better Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We have covered much topics throughout the three quarters of the year, the nine months that we have consistently and diligently studied the Word of God in all our coming together, fellowship and focused discussions. We have exemplified what we are as we put into practical ministry the gifts according to the Grace of God in us.

But there are more to be studied, more to apply to our hearts, minds and body. With our

stand that every member of LighthouseBBC, young or old, is able to present his/her body to the Lord as living sacrifice, taking the virtues of holiness and acceptability of our lives and service before God, we can never tell how we may be rewarded by Him, both in this life and in glory.

Today, we also begin our countdown for the forthcoming Ekklesia Conference, which comes to us in a little more than 8 weeks ahead. This conference will be open to non-Lighthouse works and so we can expect a lot more delegates to be with us.

The Ekklesia Conference will culminate on December 1, the day when we celebrate the life and ministry of Tatay Ben Abante Sr. During this day, we will be joined by the Metropolitan and International families of churches. Let us put into much prayer this worthy undertaking.



Attendees of the PAGLIPAD Values Curriculum training take a photo with Pastor Reuben. PAGLIPAD is one of the values curriculum of the TGLFI now being taught in various public schools in Rizal.



LIGHTHOUSE BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

FOURTH QUARTER FOCUS

Walking Freely
* in *
CHRIST:
ROOTED, BUILT-UP,
Established, Abounding
with
THANKSGIVING



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COLOSSIANS 2:6-7 (KJV)



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SERVING GOD AS FREE
IN 2023

Fourth Quarter Focus:

"Walking Freely in Christ: Rooted, Built-up, Established, Abounding with Thanksgiving"

"As ye have...received Christ Jesus the Lord...walk ye in Him, rooted and built up...established...abounding with thanksgiving..." (Col 2:6-7)

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

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 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.



Top picture, Pastor Reuben, leading the Pledge of Loyalty of some 1,571 graduates during the 3rd and 4th session of PLM's 55th Commencement Exercises held at the PICC. Lower photo, with Pastor Jedel Agron, before the Sangguniang Panlalawigan ng Cavite as the province "Institutionalizes Bible Month"; Middle photo, before the BIBLEMODE officers, discussing plans for the National Baptist Day on January 11. Lower photo, the 10th Anniversary of the Blessed Life Bible Baptist Church, Pila, Laguna, led by Pastor Mar de Torres who is husband to Leonie Hernandez-de Torres, cousin to PM Tony Hernandez.

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