

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

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Standing fast, Serving God as free in 2023.

<u>Galatians 5:1;</u> <u>Romans 6:22</u>

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

December 17, 2023

LIGHTHOUSE BBC CELEBRATES THE BIRTH OF THE LORD JESUS

"...and many shall rejoice at his birth" (Lu 1:14).

"Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist..." (Matt 11:11a).

"This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me...whose shoe's latchet I am not worthy to unloose" (John 1:27, 30).

The verses above refer to many who rejoiced at the birth of John the Baptist; and how John himself confessed his unworthiness before Christ. And many actually know of John's declaration, "He must increase, but I must decrease (John 3:30)."

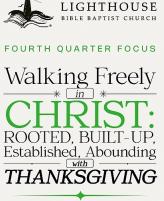
The subject of the birth of Christ has always been something that divides even Baptist churches. There are those who question the timeliness of Christmas simply because there is no record in the Gospels that Jesus was born on December 25.

The reality and the opportunity that is before us is this, that there is a time, an opportunity and a privilege for God's people to 'rejoice at the birth' of the One Greater than John the Baptist.

Tatay Ben Abante often said this before: How can pagans celebrate the birth of Christ? Therefore, for us (even the whole of Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church), we want to rejoice at the reality of the Lord's birth. And not simply so. We want to proclaim His reason for coming - to give His life a ransom for many - to offer His very life, eternal as He is, as gift to those who come to Him in faith. As His birth is proclaimed, we use the opportunity and privilege to extend His love and grace to those around us.

Next Sunday, we will only have a morning Coming Together and a fellowship lunch. Every family, district, fellowship group, bring your respective "pot-bless" and let us celebrate the Lord's birth!







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STANDING FAST, SERVING GOD AS FREE IN 2023

 More than 200 Lighthouse Ministry personnel were present at the Sleepless @ Lighthouse Christmas Fellowship. Pastor Reuben extends thanks and praises to God for everyone who contributed.

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)

ENRICHMENT & DEVELOPMENT CLASS LESSON LED Lesson 10.08.2023.01

TITLE : WHAT DEFINES AND MAKES AN EKKLESIA

Texts : Col 2:6-7, "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."

INTRODUCTION

The Ekklesia is a body of people who have received Christ Jesus the Lord and who walk in Him...

B)We are a people walking together in Him.

People who walk together is the most basic of what a church or Ekklesia can do.

- o We walk together with purpose.
- o We walk together towards a direction.
- o We walk together with distinction.
- o We walk together with leading.
- o We walk together with intention.

6) Walk in wisdom.

Col 4:5, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time."

Eph 5:15-17, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Col 3:16-17, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him."

James 3:17-18, "the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace."

1 Cor 1:30, "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

7) Walk to please God.

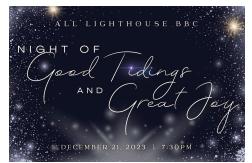
Heb 11:6, "...without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that dilgently seek him."

1 John 3:22, "...whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight."

Luke 17:10, "...likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are

commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."

1 Thess 4:1, "...we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more."



COME ON THURSDAY, DEC 21, 7:30PM AS THE CHOIR PRESENTS THE CANTATA: KING OF KINGS





Iop photo, Lighthouse BBC in Pasig celebrates their 28th Anniversary last Sunday. Lower photos show some scenes during yesterday's Pamaskong Handog sa Lighthouse. One thousand (1,000) people came in three batches and received Christmas tokens. The program included the showing of the evangelistic movie, Ang Kasagutan, preachings by Dr Eric Torres, Sentinel Neil Delgado and SWYP Leader Ahmed Letrondo. Praises to God for His unspeakable Gift!

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