



"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Ps 119:130).

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**2015:
The Year of
Fruitbearing**

John 15:16
"...I have chosen you, and ordained you...go and bring forth fruit..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC FULFILLS PAYMENT OF P9M EQUITY FOR NEW PROPERTY

"...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...being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor 9:8-11).

A Word from the PASTOR



part of the whole thing. The full payment for the property was covered by a loan package from a bank; and while we have completely covered our equity portion, we have yet to commence repayments of both the principal and interest of the loan. It is, of course, a great blessing, that the bank has extended to us very generous conditions like a 10-year period payment scheme with very minimal interest rates and adjustable payment schedules. It is indeed a great blessing from God that we have men and women in Light-

We offer praises and thanksgiving to God for His grace which enabled us not only to complete the payment of the total equity of P9M, but also to completely satisfy all documentary requirements, including the very timely transfer of the two land titles to our name.

Last Tuesday, March 31, some of our Pastor's Men went with me to meet with the bank officials and the sellers of the property to submit the completed documents and give the payments. As it stands today, the sellers are completely paid and the properties have been transferred to our name.

We all understand, however, that we have only done the first

house BBC who are well versed in such transactions. Through all these, I can say that God answered our prayers both in terms of funds and equipping!

I am amazed at the truthfulness of our text both in our lives and ministry. God indeed made all grace to abound toward us and gave us sufficiency in all things!

Consider that Paul says, "...that ye...may abound to every good work..." This means God made His grace to abound in us so that we in turn may abound in all things. Truly, all the more we have to be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord!"



The Lighthouse District 1 presenting a very practical application of the fruit of the Spirit as found in Gal 5:22.

First Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruit of the Spirit

"...the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth..." Eph 5:9.

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

TITLE : THE LOVE OF CHRIST TO THE EKKLESIA
Text/x : Eph 5:21-33

INTRODUCTION

The above writing of the Apostle Paul is often used by ministers to expound the responsibilities of the husband and the wife in marriage. But since the whole book of Ephesians emphasizes the New Testament Church and the glory of Christ in it, it is best for us to look at this passage and get a glimpse of the great love of Christ for His ransomed church.

Two verses explicitly reflect how dear the Ekklesia is to the Lord Jesus. The Apostle Paul in Acts 20:28 specifically refers to the Ekklesia as being "...purchased with his own blood.." Then in Eph 5:25, he says, "...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it..."

A) Christ is the Head and Savior of the Ekklesia

Eph 5:23, "...the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."

Since Christ is our Head as an Ekklesia, our responsibility then is to grow up into Him.

Eph 4:14-15, "...henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

Eph 4:13, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith...knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

B) Christ loved the Ekklesia and gave Himself for it

Eph 5:25, "...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it..."

Because Christ loved us, we than should walk in love, as an Ekklesia.

Eph 5:2, "...walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

C) Christ sets apart the Ekklesia to Himself and makes it clean with the water of the Word.

Eph 5:26, "That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word..."

Let us then allow His Word to cleanse us and to set us apart for Him and for His Work.

John 15:3, "...ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."

D) Christ will present the Ekklesia to Himself as a glorious body

Eph 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

Col 1:28, "Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus."

1 Thess 5:23, "...the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

E) Christ nourishes and cherishes the Ekklesia

Eph 5:29, "...no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church..."

Isa 40:11, "He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young."



From pop photo, clockwise, Pastor Reuben takes a picture with Lighthouse BBC Tatay, Palawan members upon arrival yesterday. Zeus delivers his part in the LD1 play; the Golden Ladies also presenting the fruit of the Spirit. Pastor Reuben with Lee Siok during the final payment of property.

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