



"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..."

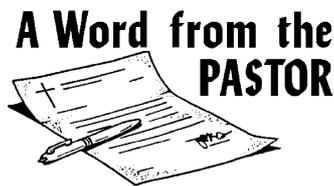
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HUNDREDS OF YOUTH DEDICATE LIVES TO THE LORD DURING BHYC2015

"That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace"
(Ps 144:12)



The four-night-and-three-day event resulted to hundreds of young people coming to the altar to dedicate their lives for service to God. A number of them came to be saved. Still a number came forward to surrender to full-time service in the ministry.

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim 4:12).

This was the first time that the Lighthouse BBC became host to this big event and I am glad to note that everybody who attended appreciated the Lighthouse way of accommodation and reception. While

About a thousand young people from more than 60 churches assembled from Monday to Thursday last week for the Baptist Heritage Youth Congress (BHYC) 2015 and were challenged to rise from their crises in life and be loving and dedicated to God. The event was the fourth of the annual coming together of young people hosted by both the Abante International Ministries (AIM) and the BIBLEMODE.

the young people had their whole day activities at the main auditorium, the attending pastors were treated to a two-day seminar-lecture conducted by Pastors BMA and RA on topics of the Ekklesia and its Management. They were very Bible-based lectures and very practical for pastors and preachers.

It is my prayer that events like this would help build up our youth in Lighthouse BBC and be as what our texts describe: youth who will be as plants grown from youth and ones who will not be despised in their testimonies.



Speakers and delegates to the Baptist Heritage Youth Congress (BHYC) take a group picture as the event comes to close last Thursday night.

**Second Quarter Focus :
Bearing the Fruit of the Knowledge of God**

"...neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (2 Pet 1:8).

"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 top photo, clockwise, the Lighthouse young people give their share of numbers during the BHYC: the LYF Choir, Young Ladies and SINAG singers. Photo below, Pastor RA with Pastor Arnel Dalumpines during the Foundation Celebration of the Lighthouse BBC Mission in Taytay, Palawan last Sunday.

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