



"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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ONLY ONE MONTH REMAINS UNTIL FIRSTFRUITS 2015

"...to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the Lord" (Neh 10:35).

A Word from the PASTOR



**Count Down to
FIRSTFRUITS 2015**

Four (4) weeks

MAKE PREPARATIONS NOW.

We are now just within a month away from our Firstfruits 2015 which will be on September 20.

May I then encourage all our people to even more prepare in heart and mind as we come together as a work to offer to God what represents our Thanksgiving Offering for a whole year of His goodness and blessings.

As drawn from what the Lord God taught the nation of Israel, they should offer to God and celebrate His goodness every year. And we take this instruction of God to His chosen nation as also a kind of offering we can give to Him as His chosen people through Christ. The Apostle Paul brings this truth to our minds as he says in 1 Peter 2:9, "...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." Let us therefore prepare.



Members of Group 4, the winning group during the joint fellowship last Sunday, present the importance of order and discipline in the family.

**Third Quarter Focus :
Bearing Fruit in Every Good Work**

"...walk worthy of the Lord...being fruitful in every good work..." (Col 1:10).

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

TITLE : CHRIST'S HUMILITY AND EXALTATION
TEXT : PHIL 2:5-11

There is no other example which all believers should take but the Lord Jesus, and in particular, according to Paul, that which should not simply be in our minds but what should renew our minds.

Our text outlines the humility that the Lord Jesus gives to us as His example

A) His humility

1) He left heaven's glory

John 17:5, "...Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

2 Cor 8:9, "...though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

2) He made Himself of no reputation

Christ emptied Himself of privileges and rightful dignity. But take note of the following:

a) He did not lay aside in any sense His Deity. He was, is and ever shall be the total Son of God.

John 1:1, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Col 2:9, "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

Heb 1:3, "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person..."

b) He did, for a while, hide his heavenly fame in an earthly frame. Even though He retained every single attribute of Deity while on earth, He did, nevertheless,

surrender to the Holy Spirit the independent exercise of those divine characteristics. (H. Willmington)

3) He was made in the likeness of men

This simple but absolutely staggering fact cannot be grasped by human minds. The infinite Holy Creator suddenly becomes in the likeness of His finite and sinful creature, yet without sin. Who can comprehend such condescension?

4) He took upon Himself the form of a servant

He did not come as a mighty conqueror or an emperor or some world-renowned philosopher. He came rather as a lowly servant.

5) He humbled Himself and submitted to authority

He came and talked our language, wear our clothes, eat our food, breath our air, and endure our vile and vicious treatment.

1 Peter 2:21-24, "...Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree..."

6) He became obedient unto death

Matt 26:39, "And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. KJV

7) He died on a cursed cross

He did not just die but He suffered the worst kind of death both physically and judicially. Gal 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree."

B) His exaltation

1) He has been highly exalted by the Father Himself.

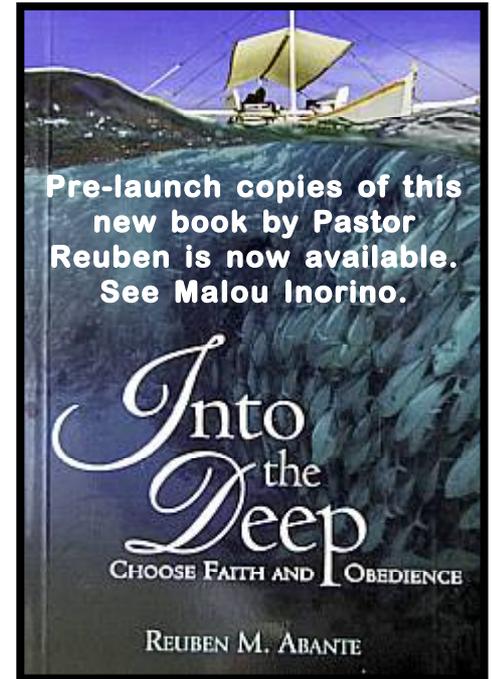
Heb 2:9, "...we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour..."

2) He has been given a name above all other names

Heb 1:4, "Being made so much better than the angels, as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they."

3) He is confessed as Lord of all to the glory of the Father

John 5:23, "That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him."



The Lighthouse District 1 members present their version of "dubsmash" as they encourage everyone in Lighthouse to make preparations for the Firstfruits come September. Only 4 weeks remain until the Firstfruits Sunday on September 20.

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