



"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 ENTERS MONTH OF FIRSTFRUITS THIS WEEK

"Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase" (Prov 3:9).

A Word from the PASTOR



**Count Down to
FIRSTFRUITS 2015**

Three (3) weeks

MAKE PREPARATIONS NOW.

The giving of Firstfruits (or thanksgiving offering) has been one of the most wonderful experiences of those who have been brought up in Lighthouse BBC. Through the years, this giving has brought much blessings not just upon the individual who takes part, but upon the church in general.

While we have joy in seeing the continuing increase in the amount of Firstfruits given every year, the real things that give joy are 1) that we as God's people learn to be really thankful for all things God bestows to us, and 2) that the giving of Firstfruits manifests the heart of all Lighthouse members for God and for His work.

As we enter our Firstfruits month this week, let us then consider how we all should take the example of the churches in Macedonia as described in 2 Cor 8:5, how that they first gave themselves to the Lord and to the work, by the will of God. This thing should actually come first before the actual offering.



The Lighthouse District 2 members present an excellent example of how the things of God should be taught during the earliest years of family members.

**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 for all believers but the Lord Jesus, and in particular, His humility may be in our minds.

Our text outlines the humility that the Lord Jesus gives to us as His example, and how because of His humility, His is exalted.

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.

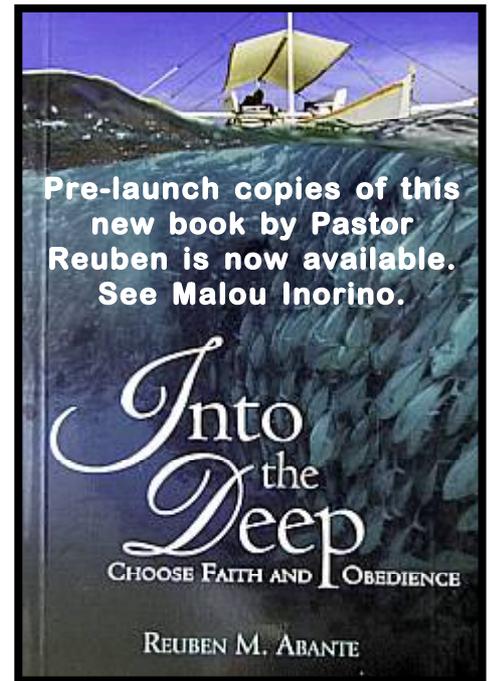
Heb 2:9, "...we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour..."

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."



Above pictures show some scenes during the presentation of Lighthouse District 2 last Sunday evening. The presentation illustrates the life principle we can take from Paul's description of Timothy, "...from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise..." (2 Tim 3:15).

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