



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

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The Year of
Fruitbearing**

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

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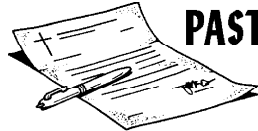
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LIGHTHOUSE BBC FAMILIES ENCOURAGED TO JOIN THE LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP

"...and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city: and we knelt down on the shore, and prayed" (Acts 21:5).

A Word from the PASTOR



The above narrative concerns the experience of the Apostle Paul and his companions when, on their way to Jerusalem, passed through Tyre where they stayed seven days with the disciples in this coastal city.

As they moved on after their 7-day stay, they were sent off by the brethren who came along with their whole family members to bid Paul and his companions farewell. This is only one passage which describes these families in the work of God in Tyre; but one verse which tells a lot about how the ministry then impacted whole family members.

The picture presented to us in this passage is one which will touch every heart. We see heads of families with their wives and children going out of the city, kneeling at the shore, praying with the Apostle Paul and his companions. I cannot help but imagine each one of them, both parents and children, expressing their love for God and for the Apostle Paul. They were ready not only to accommodate the Apostle and his companions for a week in their homes but willing to be with them and do a prayer service on the shore!

As we look forward to our Lighthouse Family Camp 2015 on December 28-30 at the Rizal Recreation Center, we desire to have whole family members to go and take part. There, we will have the preaching of the Word, prayer, devotion, fellowship, Bible quiz, sports and other things which can help build us up stronger as a work of God. We long to see that our families learn to have

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common interests, enjoyments, concerns and spiritual convictions. This can only be possible if we will altogether have the willingness to go. It will definitely be a good sight, and one that is so desirable for a church to be "...on our way, with wives and children, till we were out of the city..." and into Rizal Re-Creation Center!



Pastor Reuben speaking before those who came forward in response to the invitation to trust Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord during the 20th Foundation Day celebration of the Lighthouse BBC Pasig. The event was held at the Tanghalang Pasigueno.

Fourth Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruits of Righteousness

"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" Phil 1:11).

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

TITLE : THE GAINS BELIEVERS HAVE IN WINNING CHRIST

TEXT : Phil 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

INTRODUCTION

There is much to gain when believers choose to win Christ instead of what the world can offer. Paul enumerates some of them.

A) The gain of having a new knowledge (vs 7,8).

Phil 3:7-8, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..."

"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" (John Elliot).

The knowledge of Christ is far more valuable than what may see as gain in the world. Such knowledge, Paul says, is excellent knowledge.

B) The gain of having a new righteousness (v 9).

Phil 3:9, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

Isa 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..."

Referring to Israel, Paul says, Rom 10:3, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

C) The gain of having a new power (v 10).

Phil 3:10, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."

Such power is realized when we have the fellowship of his suffering and when we are made conformable unto His death. This power is seen when we can rise victorious over sin and all its clutches. Paul says, Rom 6:11, "...reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

D) The gain of having a new goal (vs 11-17).

Phil 3:12, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."

In saying this, Paul actually says, "It is not that I have already obtained it or already reached the goal — no, my ultimate goal is to

take hold of that for which Christ took hold of me.

2 Tim 1:9. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace..."

Eph 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

E) The gain of having a new hope (vs 20,21).

Phil 3:20-21, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

START SAVING NOW AND REGISTER EARLY FOR THE LIGHTHOUSE FAMILY CAMP ON DEC 28-30 AT RIZAL RECREATION CENTER. SEE CONNIE MACOPIA FOR DETAILS.



Top photo, Pastor Reuben poses for a picture with Thei Morales, LA Principal and other members of the faculty of the school during its 23rd Foundation Day celebration. Middle photo, LighthouseBBC Pasig artists give their final act of the original musical play, Banaag. Lower photo, Pastor Hernes giving the challenge during the commemoration of the life and ministry of Tatay Abante, Sr last December 1.

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