



"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 HOLDS BACCALAUREATE 2015

**"...I have finished my course..." (2 Tim 4:7).**

## A Word from the PASTOR



One might think it awkward that I use the above verse to encourage all our students to be able to complete their respective courses. But the idea of being able to finish something is relevant to all aspects of endeavors we are in, even studying for that matter.

Let us see what the Apostle Paul had that he was able to finish his life course. First, he determined not to be moved or affected by anything. Such determination was even sacrificial as to even be willing to be inconvenienced in his personal life. He said in Acts 20:24, "...none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy..."

Secondly, he pressed on with certainty and discipline. He said in 1 Cor 9:24-26, "...run, that ye may obtain...every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things...I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air." Paul certainly knew His calling. He knew what God had wanted him to do and he pressed on with certainty and discipline.

But then, there is one thing that we need to see in Paul. Even as he had accomplished much in the ministry, he said in Phil 3:13-14, "...I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

In the same token, as we complete one segment of our life and ministry course, we keep on and press forward toward the mark to which God has called us.

Let us all consider these examples of the Apostle Paul as we recognize and honor our graduates this afternoon. Do not fail to be back. Let us give them a good encouragement by way of our presence.

See you all this afternoon at 4PM!



The Lighthouse District 5 members present a very practical application of Pastor Reuben's message regarding the devil's devices.

**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 : PAUL'S REJOICING AND CONFIDENCE IN THE MIDST OF GREAT SUFFERING**  
**TEXT : PHIL 1:12-20**

In these verses, we find the Apostle Paul praising God for his prison experience. Instead of hindering the spread of the Gospel, his sufferings furthered the spread of the Gospel.

This furtherance of the Gospel was accomplished through the following:

**A) The confinement of his fetters (vs 13; 4:22)**

Fetters mean "a chain or shackle for the feet."

While imprisoned, Paul was guarded by imperial soldiers who were the cream of the Roman army; and at the time of the writing of this epistle, he was in Rome, in the very center of the Roman government.

Traditions indicate that according to the Roman custom, Paul would have probably been chained to a Roman soldier 24/7 with a new guard every six hours.

Keeping in mind the start of the ministry in Philippi where the jailor himself, after the midnight the prayers and songs of Paul and Silas, asked how he may be saved, to which, Paul and Silas answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31). Paul used this same scenario to witness to every guard on duty and no doubt, every guard came to know his conversion story. What resulted was his very testimony, "the

things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places..." (vs 12-14).

Only God knows what went on in the rented house in which Paul was permitted to live. There, the guards heard not only the very testimony of Paul, but of everyone who came to visit him. Every circumstance in his life was a platform on which the grace of God is manifested.

**B) The courage of his friends (v 14)**

"...many of the brethren...waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear."

Paul's prison testimony jolted some of the timid believers into becoming bolder witnesses of the Gospel. One possibility for this may have been the conversion of the Roman soldiers themselves. Their testimony would doubtless have given new courage to the members of the churches in Rome.

**C) The carnality of his foes (vs 14-16)**

"Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds" (vs 15-16).

In spite of what seems to be the impure or insincere motives of various preachers in his day, some even known to be contentious to him, Paul nevertheless declares, "whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice" (Phil 1:18).

Note that the great problem in the world is not the imperfect preaching of the Gospel -- but the none preaching of the Gospel!

**D) The confidence in his future (vs 19,20)**

Paul is confident of two things:

1) His needs will be supplied.

Phil 1:19, "For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ"

2) His Savior would be magnified

Phil 1:20, "...my earnest expectation and my hope...that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death."

## Coming Events

July 12, 4PM

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

July 28-30 (Tue, Wed, Thurs)

ALL-LIGHTHOUSE

STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

(Nightly event)

August 1 (Saturday)

OPEN HOUSE @LighthouseBBC



The Lighthouse BBC Santiago, Isabela Outreach held their 2nd Foundation Day last July 5. Pastor Reuben, along with Mission Pastors Bong Escala, Jun Sombiluna and Edwin Alvarez were there to celebrate with them. Above photos show Preacher Bryan Bakichan and their choir during the services.

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