



The Lighthouse BULLETIN

"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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PASTOR REUBEN ENJOINS EVERYONE IN LIGHTHOUSE TO COMPLETE 3-NIGHT STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

"Now therefore perform the doing of it...so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have" (2 Cor 8:11).

A Word from the PASTOR



The Apostle Paul, in our text, gives an Apostolic command to the members of the church in Corinth to perform something out of that which they have. Take note that he does not command them to perform from that which they do not have -- but from what they have.

The performance which he actually refers to is the grace of giving. He refers to this clearly in 2 Cor 8:7, as he says, "...as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also."

While everyone in Lighthouse is taught to give, we need to first appreciate the things which God had bestowed to us. We need to understand what Paul refers to as "that which ye have." And this is actually what we want for everyone to understand as we hold the Stewardship Emphasis which will run nightly from Tuesday night to Thursday night this week. I enjoin each one to attend this conference.



**Count Down to
FIRSTFRUITS 2015
Nine (9) weeks**

**MAKE
PREPARATIONS
NOW.**



Pastors BMA and RA preached before this congregation of about 400 celebrating the Anniversary of the Metropolitan BBE in Satwa, UAE last Friday.

**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 RESOLVE
TEXT : PHIL 1:20-28

In these verses are one of the most amazing declarations a minister can declare, and they are declarations which should speak to every believer in Christ and challenge the same to great faithfulness and dedication in our service to God.

A) Paul's resolve is based on God's promises (v20a).

"According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed..." (v20).

Such declaration does not simply come from someone who is moved by emotion. It is evident that Paul's "expectation" and "hope" are based on God's promises.

Isa 28:16 says, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

Paul refers to this verse when he also wrote the following verses:

Rom 9:33, "As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

Rom 10:11, "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be

ashamed."

B) Paul's resolve exhibited boldness in life or death (v20b).

"...with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death" (v20)

Such boldness do not look forward to any defeat. His reason, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

1) He describes his life in the knowledge of Christ as excellent and beyond anything in life.

Phil 3:8, "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..."

2) He describes death as being far better.

Phil 1:23, "...to be with Christ; which is far better,"

C) Paul's resolve is for the betterment of the Philippian believers

"...to abide in the flesh is more needful for you...for your furtherance and joy of faith" (vs 24-25).

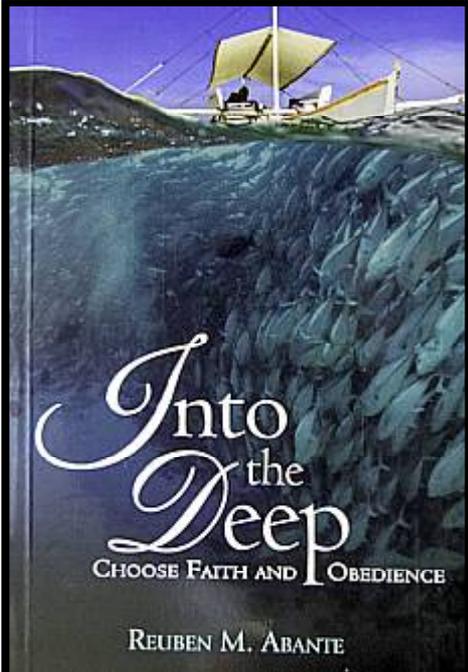
Paul's ministry was always for the furnishing and edifying of the believers.

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."

Phil 2:15-16, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life."

D) Paul longs that his resolve be also the resolve of the Phillipian believers.

"...let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ...stand fast in one spirit...in nothing terrified by your adversaries..."



Pre-launch copies of Pastor Reuben's new book, INTO THE DEEP, is now available. See Malou Inorino.



Top photo, the Single Working Young People centers on Stewardship of life during their presentation last Sunday night. Lower photo, members of the Sunday School teaching staff recite their respective pledges during the Sunday School promotion last week.

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