



"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 THIRD QUARTER OF 2015 WITH FOCUS ON BEARING FRUIT IN EVERY GOOD WORK

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

**A**s we bring to close the second quarter of the year 2015, let us look forward to the new quarter which starts this week and our new focus based on Col 1:10, "Bearing fruit in every good work."

The Apostle Paul writes to Titus and instructs saying, "...let [our people] also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful" (3:14).

The Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus Christ is the one agency of God where his people should learn to be fruitful in every endeavor that brings eternal benefit. Praying we all may be found fruitful next quarter!

### A Word from the PASTOR



A portion of the fathers present during last Sunday's Father's Day celebration sing the beautiful hymn, My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me.

### Second Quarter Focus : Bearing the Fruit of the Knowledge of God

"...neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (2 Pet 1:8).

*"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 19**

**BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

**July 28-30 (Tue, Wed, Thurs)**

**ALL-LIGHTHOUSE  
STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS  
(Nightly event)**

**August 1 (Saturday)**

**OPEN HOUSE @lighthouse**



Top photo, the Lighthouse Kids present a number in honor of fathers. Lower photo, the Lighthouse District 4 give their last number after initially doing a mini drama concerning priorities in the family.

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