



"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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HUNDREDS ATTEND FIRST NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING OF BBFPI1953

"...be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing; but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called..." (1 Peter 3:8-9).

A Word from the PASTOR



The above verse guided everyone who attended the first National Fellowship Meeting of the Baptist Bible Fellowship of the Philippines 1953, Incorporated (BBFPI1953) and the Lord indeed blessed all the proceedings. More than 220 delegates registered and took part in all the activities. It was the first time that the set-up really fit a meeting of leaders.

The opening of the Gift-based Ministries Exhibit ushered the start of the National Fellowship Meeting last Wednesday night which added excitement to all the delegates. While the ministries structure of Lighthouse BBC came totally new to many of the pastors, they all appreciated that such structure is very Biblical and should be adopted by Biblical Baptist churches. Most were especially amazed that those who manned the exhibits could well explain the structure and the whole ministry set-up of Lighthouse. Some commented that in their churches, only the pastor can explain the structure of the ministry.

A total of 178 signed the membership application form of the BBFPI1953 and signed the "red book" as charter members. In signing, they declared their conformity with the purposes, and the doctrines and practices of the BBFPI1953. They also committed to support the programs and activities of the organization which are geared towards building-up all the members through

COUNTDOWN TO THE 40th ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHHOUSE BBC

20 WEEKS

fellowship, cooperation and support.

The success of this event would not be possible without the involvement of all our Lighthouse BBC members.

Let me then express my thanks and appreciation to you all! You have been a blessing to all who came! Praises to God for you!



All the District Fellowship Groups of Lighthouse BBC came together and presented the Gift-based Ministries of the church. Many were blessed in realizing that what should be appreciated in the New Testament Churches is the Grace of God manifested through different gifts.

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 : CHRIST - THE PRIZE OF LIFE
TEXT : PHIL CHAPTER 3.

The whole of Chapter 3 of Philippians talks about how the Apostle Paul considers the Lord Jesus Christ as the ultimate prize of life. The key phrase in this chapter is found in verse 8 where Paul writes, "...that I may win Christ."

A) The corrupters of the prize (vs 1-3, 18, 19).
The Apostle Paul refers to Jewish Judaizers of his day and he describes their actions in severe terms:

- 1) They were as dogs (v2).
They were always snapping at Paul's heels, and barking out their false doctrines.
- 2) They were evil workers (v2).
They performed their "good works" in the flesh (see Isa 64:6; Mt 23:15);
- 3) They were of the concision (v2)
This word is literally mutilation and is a pun on the word circumcision. The Judaizers taught that circumcision was necessary for salvation (see Acts 15:1; Gal 6:12-18). God's real method of circumcision is found in Col 2:11.
- 4) They were the enemies of the cross of Christ (v18).
- 5) Their belly was their god (v19).
See Col 2:20-23.
- 6) They were materialistic to the core, minding earthly things (v19).

- B) The cost of the prize (vs 4-6).**
Paul gladly "counted as loss" his many earthly advantages after he had received Christ.
- 1) He had been circumcised on the eighth day as a proof of his being a true Hebrew. See Gen 17:13.
 - 2) He was of the stock of Israel. He was not a proselyte, nor from Ishmael or Esau, but from the line of Isaac and Jacob.
 - 3) He was of the tribe of Benjamin. This tribe was one of the most elite of the twelve. Israel's first king was from this tribe.

- 4) He was a Hebrew of the Hebrews. He spoke the right language. He had not become a Hellenizer (a Jew who adopted Greek culture). See 2 Cor 11:22; Acts 21:40; 22:2. He also studied under Gamaliel.
- 5) He was a Pharisee. Paul possessed the proper training.
- 6) He was known for his tremendous zeal in defending Judaism, and for his many good works (1 Cor 15:9; Gal 1:13,14).
- 7) He had kept (as much as humanly possible) the Old Testament commandments.

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Top photo shows the District Fellowship 1 presenting the different Ministries in the church according to Rom 12:6-8. Lower photo, group picture of the initial 178 charter members of the new Baptist Bible Fellowship of the Philippines 1953, Inc (BBFPI1953).

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