



"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 QATAR MISSION CELEBRATES 7TH FOUNDATION DAY

"...grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph 4:15-16).

A Word from the PASTOR



COUNTDOWN
to the
40th ANNIVERSARY
and
SACRIFICIAL
CELEBRATION
of the
LIGHTHOUSE BBC

19 WEEKS

The New Testament Church or the Ekklesia is not simply an organization. It is an organism that grows. The Spirit that is in the life of every believer in the Ekklesia distributes to each member God's gifts through His Grace in Christ Jesus. These gifts manifested through the lives of every member work to edify each other, thus building up the whole body.

This truth is described by the Apostle Paul in passages found in Eph 4:7-16, Rom 12:3-8, 1 Cor 12:4-27 and 1 Cor 14:12.

I have, in many instances, preached and taught this truth to all our people. And I praise God that we see this truth being manifested in the lives of our people in the many works of Lighthouse BBC. I especially am grateful to God that our Lighthouse BBC Qatar work is being grounded in this church doctrine and that I see our people there really "fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth. The result? There is an "increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love, all because there is effectual working in the measure of grace in every part or member.

As the picture below shows, there is a growing number of members in our Lighthouse BBC Qatar

who come from Ghana, Nigeria, Kenya and Nepal. And during the services last Friday, another one was baptized and was added to our membership. Hearing their testimonies is a great blessing. Much more, seeing them involved in the ministry! I offer praises to God for Pastor Chris Lopez and all who are with him in the work!



Photo shows part of the Lighthouse BBC Qatar Mission members as they take a group picture immediately after the 7th Foundation celebration last Friday morning. The congregation now has a villa which can accommodate 120 people. Pastor Chris Lopez is seen at the left center of the picture.

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 PHASES OF CHRIST
TEXT : PHIL CHAPTER 3:8-10

INTRODUCTION

In showing and proving that the Lord Jesus Christ is his ultimate prize of life, the Apostle Paul gladly "counted as loss" all earthly privileges he had. For him, there is no comparison. As Chrysostom says, "When the sun doth appear, it is loss to sit by a candle."

In reckoning the Lord Jesus as a ultimate desire of man, Paul presents Christ in four aspects:

A) Christ as the Prize

Phil 3:8, "...that I may win Christ..."

To win Christ as a prize means to more than just being acquainted with His biography, or simply understanding His doctrine and teachings. It is having His ownself. Rom 8:9, "...if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

B) Christ as the Rest

Phil 3:9, "And be found in him..."

There is much blessing to the person that is in Christ Jesus.

- 1) "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus..." Rom 8:1;
- 2) "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;

behold, all things are become new" 2 Cor 5:17.

- 3) "But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."
- 4) "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me" John 15:4.

C) Christ as the Theme.

Phil 3:10, "That I may know him, ...the power of his resurrection, ...the fellowship of his sufferings..."

Paul desires to know Christ intimately. To have the knowledge of Him that is not simply head or intellectual knowledge. Such knowledge he describes as an excellent knowledge (vs 8).

- 1) To know Christ is to recognize that we need to keep His Word. 1 John 2:3-4, "...we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith,

I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

- 2) To know Christ's power as demonstrated in His resurrection.

Rom 6:9-10, "Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God."

- 3) To know Christ is to be willing to suffer with Him.

1 Peter 4:13, "rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

D) Christ as the Model

Phil 3:10, "...being made conformable unto his death..."

Rom 6:11, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."

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 shows the District Fellowship 2 as they illustrate Pastor Reuben's preaching on the Spiritual Progress. Lower photo, the Lighthouse BBC Qatar Mission Choir sings during their 7th Foundation celebration last Friday. A number of people came forward to trust Christ after the message.

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