



"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 YOUTH PRESENT THEMSELVES BEFORE GOD AND CHURCH AND COMMIT TO STAY PURE

"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim 4:12).

A Word from the PASTOR



About 170 young people from Lighthouse BBC Tatalon, Cainta, Taguig, Pulilan and Olongapo presented themselves before God and His people and committed to stay pure from wrong relationships, evil vices and wrong crowd last Sunday night. The purity covenant came as one of the main features of the Youth Sunday last week.

Earlier in the day, some 47 young people came forward to trust the Lord Jesus as their Savior. They were first time guests who were brought by the same young people so they may listen to the preaching of God's Word.

I am all praises to God for how our Lighthouse youth readily take the exhortation from God's Word to be examples in "word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." They have learned to take God's Word in their lives and be in subjection to the Spirit's leading.

Those who are led by the Spirit and who walk after the Spirit are evidently people who are in Christ and who are children of God. This truth is confirmed by the Apostle Paul in verses 1 and 14 of the Romans, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God" (v14), "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."

I say, these verses are true to our Lighthouse Youth who follow the Word and are ready and

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

18 WEEKS

willing to serve and make known their commitment to God and His Word. They do not just do these things because they were told to do them. They do these things because the Bible teaches them to children of God.

Praises to God for our Young People!



Above picture shows the near-finished Lighthouse Events Tent as it was used for the first time last Thursday night for the Prayer Service. It was timely that Pastor Hernes Abante was around to preach the first message in the beautiful place. More improvements will be made to the facility this week.

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 Lighthouse BBC Taguig members and volunteers during the medical mission yesterday. A total of 430 patients were attended to. Lower photo shows the almost 170 "vowers" take picture along with Pastor Reuben and the Youth Advisers. The Purity Vow is done every two years.

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