



"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 FOURTH QUARTER WITH NEW FOCUS

"Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God" (Phil 1:11).

A Word from the PASTOR



THE BBFPI1953 HOLDS NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING AT LIGHTHOUSE BBC ON NOVEMBER 4-6

The Lighthouse BBC hosts the first National Fellowship Meeting of the revived Baptists Bible Fellowship of the Philippines 1953, Inc (BBFPI1953), the first of such a meeting in 12 years, on November 4-6, Wednesday night to Friday noon.

All Pastors and Missionaries receiving this newsletter may well take this article as invitation. The national meeting, however, is limited to Pastors and Missionaries. No wives and children.

It seems it was just a few days ago when we started the new year 2015.

Now, we have entered the last quarter of the year and soon, we will welcome a brand new year and say good bye to 2015.

I just pray that as we move further towards the end of the year, that we have all benefitted from the goodness of the grace of God not simply in the physical and all other temporalities of life, but more importantly, in the things which have eternal value.

I say that this year's set of theme and focuses have been the best ones in our history. For one, the focuses are seen as bringing great results in both the practical lives of our people and their growth in the work of the Lord.

This quarter brings to us a new focus, "Bearing the Fruit of Righteousness," with key verse from Phil 1:11. In essence, the theme encourages every member of Lighthouse BBC to bear in their lives and testimonies the many results of the grace of God in salvation and relationship with Christ. As I often say in Tagalog, "Panahon na upang dalhin natin ang mga bunga ng ating pagiging matuwid sa harap ng ating Panginoon."



Pastor Benny Abante Jr is seen preaching during the 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia last Sunday.

**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 EXAMPLES THAT CHURCHES AND CHRISTIANS SHOULD HAVE
TEXT : PHIL 2:12-30

After discussing the example of the Lord Jesus, the Apostle Paul, in the continuing verses discusses the examples that Churches and Christians should be. He teaches how the Philippian church should be and cites the examples of Timothy and Epaphroditus.

A) The example of what a church should be As obedient people of God, "work out" the salvation which we have with fear and trembling (v12-18)

a) Acknowledge how He works in the lives of those in the Ekklesia (v13)

b) Acknowledge what gives Him pleasure, satisfaction and delight. (v13).

What things give God pleasure?

- When his people are blameless and harmless (v15).

1 Thess 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

- When His people live lives as true children of God (v15).

Matt 5:48, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

Matt 5:44-45, "...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to

them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven..."

- When His people live without rebuke (v15).

Eph 5:27, "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." See also 2 Pet 3:14.

- When His people shine as lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse society (v15).

Matt 5:14-16, "Ye are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

- When His people consistently and faithfully hold forth the Word of Life (v16)

Phil 1:27, "...let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ...stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel..."

These things both give God pleasure and they are cited as things which gives rejoicing to the Apostle Paul. (v16)

B) The example of Timothy (vs 19-24)

Timothy had a long and intimate contact with the Philippian church. See Acts 16:3; 17:14,15; 19:22; 20:3,4; Phil 2:19-23).

a) Concerning the Philippian church, Timothy was a shepherd.

Phil 2:20, "...I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state."

b) Concerning the Apostle, Timothy was a son. Phil 2:22, "...ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father..."

c) Concerning the Gospel, Timothy was a servant.

Phil 2:22, "...he hath served with me in the gospel."

C) The example of Epaphroditus (vs 25-30).

Epaphroditus was a Gentile believer from Philippi. His name means "charming." He had been sent by the Philippian church to minister to Paul and bring him their offering.

a) His service. He is referred to as

- "My brother," indicating they were bound by a common love.

- "My companion in labour," indicating that they were bound by a common work.

- "My fellowsoldier," indicating they were bound by a common danger.

b) His sickness. Phil 2:27, "...he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him..."

c) His sorrow. Phil 2:26, "...he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick."

d) His honor and reputation. Phil 2:29, "Receive him therefore in the Lord...and hold such in eputation."

e) His sacrifice. Phil 2:30, "Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life..."



Top photo, the Lighthouse District 6 doing their presentation about the Thoughts of the Renewed Mind as gleaned from Pastor Reuben's preaching.
Lower photo, The Escrupolo Sisters with the SINAG singing the Hallelujah Chorus during the concert last Thursday night.

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