



# The Lighthouse BULLETIN

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**2016:**  
**The Year of**  
**Proving**

**1 Thes 5:21**  
 "Prove all things;  
 hold fast that which  
 is good."

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## LIGHTHOUSE BBC TO BEGIN TELEVISION MINISTRY IN MAY

"...from you sounded out the word of the Lord...also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad..." (1 Thess 1:8).

"...I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Rom 1:8).

### A Word from the PASTOR



The trainings and exposures of our own creative media team, along with the kind of stage plays we feature every Sunday evening service, have made our people in Lighthouse equipped to carry on this new television ministry.

We have slowly started the upgrade of our video recording facilities and raise the quality of our video materials to HD (high Definition). Many of you will notice the improvements as you look in our screen monitors in the auditorium.

We have yet to make some improvements into our audio mixers and computer controllers. I ask that we all pray for God to supply our needs to see these things completed.

As a Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church, we are committed to using all means so our message may be heard and viewed everywhere. We see this as part of our being like the Thessalonian and Roman churches in our text.

And now, the opportunity to use television comes as a very welcome avenue for us as a church. Let me encourage you all to consider helping out in the upgrade of our facilities. Let us raise our banners high even through media!

The primary ministry that we have as a church, and that which we recognize as the first in our ministry structure is the proclamation of God's Word. We simply call it the Ministry of the Word.

We understand that proclamation of the word, as described in our Gift-Based Ministries, is not just that of getting behind the pulpit and loudly preaching the Word. For us, the proclamation of the Word also involves using the media through print, radio and television. We also can add the social media.

There was a time when we had our radio broadcast during Tatay Abante's time; but that ceased when the Lord took him home.

There was also a time when we did a talk show over PTV4 with Pastor Benny Abante, Jr through the Abante Pilipinas which ran for almost 4 years. But again, that ceased in 2010.

The Lord willing, beginning this May, our Sunday Services may be seen on television over a new channel within the Signal Television. In addition to the Sunday Services, we will also begin a talk show highlighting our Lighthouse Cafe.



Photo above shows Connie Macopia giving her testimony as part of the presentation rendered by the Pastoral Staff, workers and teachers.

**Second Quarter Focus :**  
**"Proving the Word of God."**

Acts 17:11, "...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

*"Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Eph. 3:21)*

TITLE : INTRODUCTION TO THE EPISTLE OF PAUL  
TO THE COLOSSIANS

INTRODUCTION

Colosse had been a significant city in the past but had deteriorated in importance by New Testament times. Nearby cities such as Hierapolis and Laodicea (chap 4:13) had become more significant, though all three had churches planted in them, probably about the time of Paul's stay in Ephesus.

Colosse was a city of Phrygia, from which country some were present at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:10), and through which country Paul had gone on both his second and third missionary journeys (Acts 16:6; 18:23).

There is no record that Paul himself visited Colosse. It seems probable that Ephaphras, one of Paul's disciples, may have found this church while Paul was staying in Ephesus (Col 1:7; 4:12-13; Acts 19:10). Colosse was near the border of "Asia", about 100 miles east of Ephesus.

Occasion and Date of Writing.

Paul was in prison in Rome (AD 61-63). Col 4:10 indicates that he had written a previous letter concerning Mark. Meantime, Epaphras, one of the Colossians, had come to Rome with the word that a dangerous heresy was making headway in the church. Philemon 1:23 indicates that he also may have been imprisoned. Then Paul wrote the letter, and sent it by Tychicus and Onesimus (4:7-9), who also bore the letter to the Ephesians and the one to Philemon (Eph 6:21).

In many respects, Colossians is similar to Ephesians in content and emphasis, although Ephesians is longer and more fully developed in both its doctrinal and practical aspects. However, Colossians seems to have been written primarily to correct heresy that seemed to be developing in the church and probably spreading to other churches.



The heresy seems to have been an admixture of Greek, Jewish and Oriental religions, a sort of "high thought" cult, parading itself under the name of "philosophy" (2:8), calling for the worship of angels as intermediaries between God and man (2:18), and insisting on the strict observance of certain Jewish requirements almost to the point of asceticism (2:16, 21).

The greatest Christological passage in the Bible is found in Col 1:16-20, setting forth the Lord Jesus as Creator, Sustainer and Reconciler of all things in heaven and earth.

The church in Colosse may have met in the home of Philemon, for he lived at Colosse with one of his slaves, Onesimus (Col 4:9 and Philemon). It seems that when Epaphras made the 1,000-mile trip to Rome to seek Paul's advice, Archippus assumed the pastorate (Col 4:17). Archippus may have been the son of Philemon (Phi 1:2).

Colossians may be contrasted to other epistles of Paul in the following:

- In Romans, we are justified in Christ.
- In 1 Corinthians, we are enriched in Christ.
- in 2 Corinthians, we are comforted in Christ.
- in Galatians, we are free in Christ.
- In Ephesians, we are quickened in Christ.
- in Philippians, we are happy in Christ.

- in Colossians, we are complete in Christ.

Colossians present the New Testament Church as being complete in Christ. This completeness is four-fold:

- 1) Building downward  
Col 1:23, "...grounded and settled... not moved away from the hope of the gospel..." This is the deeper life.
- 2) Building upward.  
Col 2:7, "...built up in him, and established in the faith..." This is the higher life.
- 3) Building inward.  
Col 3:3, "For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God." This is the inner life.
- 4) Building outward.  
Col 4:5, "Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time." This is outer life.

Colossians in a sense, concludes that which Ephesians introduces.

In Ephesians, Paul dwells upon the body, the church, while in Colossians, he writes of the head of that body.

Because of this, both books are somewhat similar. For example, 78 out of the 99 verses in Colossians are nearly identical to those in Ephesians.



Members of the newly organized Lighthouse Television Ministry team pose for a group picture after their initial meeting last week. Wait for Pastor's announcement on the start of the Lighthouse BBC shows over Signal Television.

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