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"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Ps 119:130).

**2016:
The Year of
Proving**

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

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC CELEBRATES FAMILY SUNDAY ON AUGUST 21

"For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord..." (Gen 18:19).

A Word from the PASTOR



A BRAHAM, the father of faith, gives a good example to everyone who claim to have the same faith and who lead wives and children. In this text, none other than the Lord God describes him as being able to command his children and his household to keep the way of the Lord.

Today we come into our Family Month in which we focus on how families should be according to Biblical teachings. Our main celebration will be on the 21st of this month, two Sundays away, when we shall talk about the first institution God ordained on earth.

Beginning on Sunday, we shall be putting up, once more, our photo studio for families and, even now, I am enjoining all families to be in our church services complete, in your best attire and correspondingly line up for a picture with the Pastor.

On August 21, endeavor to come complete to church and commit to put God first in all of what you are as families in Lighthouse BBC. I encourage fathers to take this example of Abraham and lead your whole household in keeping the way of the Lord.

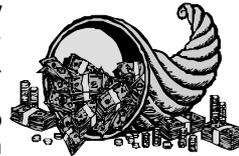
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LIGHTHOUSE
CAFE TV TALK
SHOW, seen
every Saturday;



and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 88 on SIGNAL.

Both shows are aired 4-5am/
10-11am/4-5pm/10-11pm.

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**FIRSTFRUITS 2016 COUNTDOWN
Seven (7) Weeks.**



These are the new batch of the Youth Choir after those who have graduated from college levelled up to the career young people.

**Third Quarter Focus :
"Proving the Good, Acceptable, Perfect Will of God."**

Rom 12:2, "...prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

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

TITLE : PAUL'S WISHES AND WARNINGS FOR
THE CHURCHES OF COLOSSE AND
LAODICEA
TEXT : COL 2:1-23

INTRODUCTION

The Apostle Paul opens chapter 2 of Colossians by telling them, along with the believers in Laodicea and those who have never seen him face to face, of his earnest desire for them to come to full maturity in Christ and to be knit together by strong ties of love. This they could do by abiding in Christ, Who embodies "all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."

It is noteworthy that while as it is believed by many Bible commentators that Paul never visited Colosse, the greetings he wrote in chapter 4:7-18 indicate that he was well acquainted with many of them.

Not only was he well acquainted with the church, but in this study of Chapter 2, he is also seen as being well aware of what things confront them.

A) Paul's desire for the churches of Colosse and Laodicea (vs 1-7).

- 1) For both churches to be encouraged or comforted and knit together by strong ties of love (v 2a)
- 2) For both churches to be enriched by the gains that come in understanding and knowing the now revealed mysteries that are in Jesus Christ, in Whom are hidden all

the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (vs 2b, 3)

- 3) For both churches to be guarded against deceptive teachings, philosophies (vs 4,5,8)
- 4) For both churches to continue being deeply and firmly planted in Christ and growing increasingly with thanksgiving (vs 6-7)
- 5) For both churches to abound in rejoicing and thanksgiving (v 6).

B) Paul's warnings to the churches of Colosse and Laodicea (vs 8-23).

Verses 4 and 8 reveals that there exists philosophers in Colosse who beguile the brethren. Thus his warnings.

- 1) Warning against enticing words (v 4)
This perversion corresponds to liberalism of today which promises too much but produces so little.
- 2) Warning against philosophy (v 8)
This philosophy can be described as the science of learning more and more about less and less until finally you know everything about nothing.

Halley writes of these philosophers, "A philosopher is a man who spends his life trying to understand what he knows before he starts that he cannot understand. Christ is the center of a whole system of truth, some of it very easy to understand, and some not so easy, stretching out to things 'beyond the reaches of our souls.' A philosopher sees in Christian teaching certain things that fit in with his philosophy. He accepts Christ, and calls himself a Christian. But in his thinking, certain of his philosophic abstractions are central, and Christ Himself personally is just a sort of shadow in the background. They become militant proponents of some pet theory or

doctrine, but empty of much love or admiration for Christ, personally."

HM Morris writes, "It is significant that, despite the prominence of philosophy in the entire Roman world, in v 8 is the only mention of the word 'philosophy' (meaning love of wisdom)...and here Paul warns every one against it. Paul simply says, Beware of all philosophy. The love of human wisdom characterizes every system of philosophy; they all follow the tradition of men and the elements of the world. Men should love Christ instead.

Lest the Colossian and Laodicean believers be fooled by the smooth talk of false teachers (2:4 to 3:4), Paul reminded them of the foundations of their faith (2:4-7). Though human philosophy might sound good, the Colossians had in Christ all the divine revelation they would ever need because He is fully God.

- 3) Warning against traditions (v 8)
All traditions are not bad, but many are. Jesus soundly and severely denounced the wicked traditions of the godless Pharisees (Matt 15:1-9)
- 4) Warning against legalism (v 16-17).
A believer who puts himself back under legalism would be like a son admiring the photo of his father, but ignoring his father's actual presence.
- 5) Warning against mysticism (v 18).
Mysticism stresses the inner light and ignores the true Light. It may confuse truth with personal experience.
- 6) Warning against idolatry (v 8).
The worshipping of angels.
- 7) Warning against asceticism (v 21,21).
This teaches that one can purify the soul by punishing the body.



The Lighthouse District 5 presents a drama on the case of the "unsavory giving" of a Christian as a way to prepare the hearts of the members of Lighthouse BBC for the Firstfruits Giving on September 18, seven weeks away. The rationale is, only the Biblical, obedient giving can actually be a sweet savor before God.

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