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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 HOLDS SPORTSFEST 2016 AT THE TUP GROUNDS TOMORROW

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2).

A Word from the PASTOR

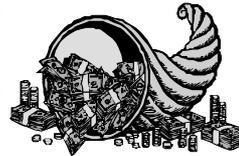


Nothing can compare to a prosperous soul and everyone in Lighthouse BBC should be aware of this fact. Of all things that we care for when it comes to the subject of prosperity, is geared towards what primarily benefits the soul and how it should "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" 2 Pet 3:18).

But we also understand that the condition of our inner being should also be manifested in the outside so that we may bear the practical manifestation of all our Christ-like faith.

It is time for us, once more, as an Ekklesia, to come together and hold our annual Sportsfest. As we traditionally do, we will conduct our events at the Technological University of the Phils (TUP) grounds along Ayala Blvd in Manila. I encourage all our people, young and old, to come and enjoy both the games and the fellowship. Come with a ready mind to show discipline in sports. Come according to your colors. If you do not have any color membership yet, register now. Be a member of a color even if you will not join any sports event.

As we are all winners in Christ, I congratulate you all!



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The
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
Three (3) Weeks.**



Several people raise their hands as Pastor Reuben gives the invitation at the Metropolitan BBE in Hongkong, led by Pr Jim Chelim.

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 : BASIC PROTECTION FROM
BEGUILEMENT AND BEING SPOILED
THROUGH PHILOSOPHY AND VAIN
DECEIT**
TEXT : COL 2:1-23

INTRODUCTION

In verses 3 and 8 of this chapter, we find the Apostle Paul gives stern warnings to the Colossian and Laodicean churches concerning being beguiled with enticing words and being spoiled through philosophy and vain deceit.

And while he gives these warnings, he also provides some practical means so believers in churches may be equipped against these things and be protected. We can find the following solutions:

A) Know who Jesus is (vs 3,9).

He is "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" and in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."

The believer should sincerely endeavor to get to know Christ in the deepest sense possible, and that through His Word. He Himself says in John 5:39, "Search the scriptures...they are they which testify of me."

Furthermore, the Apostle Paul declares to us how he yearns to know Christ in Phil 3:8,10, "...I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ...that I may

know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings..."

B) Know what He has done (vs 13, 15).

Verses 13-15 say, 'And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.'

The believer is strongest when he is made aware what the Lord Jesus had done for him; and the whole Ekklesia should have such continuing awareness, considering the following verses:

Acts 20:28, "...feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

Eph 5:25, "...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

C) Know who and what you are as His people (vs 10, 12).

Col 2:10, 12, "...ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power...buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

In addition to realizing what Christ had done both for the individual believer and the Ekklesia as a whole, everyone, too, must realize what they are before God as a body.

The Ekklesia is complete in Him, identified with Him and obedient to Him as signified by everyone's baptism. As a body therefore, the Ekklesia is set apart to and for Him. We refer to this as being sanctified.

If only everyone in the Ekklesia realizes what they are before Him as a body, seriously considering the nature and purpose of being an Ekklesia, this in itself becomes a protection and safeguard against wrong influences.

The Lighthouse BBC is a church that is strong in the teaching and principles found in our Baptist Distinctives as taught by Tatay Ben Abante Sr. Much of the things we find in this teachings points us to knowing who we are and what we are as a New Testament Church or an Ekklesia. It settles our identity. And we know that a person who does not have an identity problem is one who is settled, unmoved and productive.

D) Know what you are to do for Him (vs 6,7).

Col 2:6-7 clearly defines what everyone in the Ekklesia must do, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

Consider that these words were written specifically to the Colossian and Laodicean churches, two churches which literally existed in those days.

Of these two churches, we find Laodicea being mentioned in the book of Revelation chapter 3. And from what is revealed in the book, the Laodicean church did not become so rooted, built up in Christ and established in the faith as they have been taught. They did not abound with thanksgiving. Rather, they became lukewarm to the point of receiving a very adverse pronouncement of the Lord that they will be spued out of His mouth.

Every Ekklesia then must be aware of these safeguards from all deceitful beguilement.



Top photo, the SWYP members illustrate the greatness of the Grace of God in their presentation last Sunday. Lower photo, the Lighthouse Sportsfest begins with the bowling event at the E-Lanes yesterday.

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