



"The entrance of thy words
giveth light; it giveth
understanding unto the simple"
(Ps 119:130).

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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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THE LIGHTHOUSE BBC CHALLENGE: ACCOMPLISH BIG THINGS TOGETHER

"...grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from Whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love" (Eph 4:15-16).

A Word from the PASTOR



THREE (3) WEEKS TO GO!

LET US PROVE THE
SINCERITY OF OUR LOVE
BY WILLINGLY GIVING OUR
SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS

"Wherefore shew...the proof of your love..."
(2 Cor 8:24).

"Ye...are built up ...to offer up spiritual
sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ"
(1 Pet 2:5).

The Apostle Paul gives to us the goal of the Ekklesia in Eph 4:13 when he says to the Ephesian church, "...come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Such "unity in the faith" is expressed when "the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part..." (see our text).

The work of the Lord is not a work of one man but of many who are united in obeying Christ. But this is not easily done because we all have different backgrounds, interests, abilities, etc. The only possible way for this to be accomplished is for His Word to be received as how the Thessalonian believers received the Word. Paul says in 1 Thes 2:13, "...when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you..."

Let us therefore as one body of many members, do as what the Word tells us and accomplish many things collectively through His many gifts of grace to each one of us, everyone supplying according to the effectual working in the measure of every part.



The District Fellowship IV describes the strong and stable church through a song adaptation. In the presentation, they brought together the Pastors Men and Sentinels along with the Pastor to illustrate strength through leadership.

First Quarter Focus :
"Proving the sincerity of our love."

2 Cor 8:8, "...prove the sincerity of your love."

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Special Lesson

TITLE : PRINCIPLES OF SACRIFICE

Text : 2 Sam 24:22-25; 1 Chr 21:23-26

INTRODUCTION

A number of principles in the subject of sacrifice can be seen from this example of David when he offered his sacrifice to the Lord. The place which is indicated in the story is said to be Mount Moriah where, according to rabbis, Cain and Abel offered their sacrifices; where Abraham attempted to sacrifice Isaac, and where the temple of Solomon was afterwards built (2 Chr. 3:1).

A) Christian Faith Revolves Around Christ's Sacrifice

Without the final sacrifice that the Lord Jesus did on the cross, man would never have been saved. It was through the sacrifice of Himself that man can appear before God cleansed and justified.

Eph 5:2, "And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

Man cannot duplicate that which was done by the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. His was the final sacrifice and such sacrifice is all that man needs to be justified before God. See Heb 10:11-14.

While we can only accept Christ's sacrifice in regards our salvation, as

believers, we are to offer to God our own "a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God." The Philippian Christians were commended by Paul, with even a promise of God supplying their need, because of such performance.

Phil 4:18-19, "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

This is the kind of sacrifice which is said to "well-please" God. *Heb 13:16, "But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."*

The word "communicate" in this verse means "to make an offering." Other kinds of sacrifices are mentioned in the New Testament, like the "sacrifice of lives for service" (Rom. 12:1), the "sacrifice of praise" (Heb. 13:15) and the "sacrifice for the ministry" (1 Jn 3:16). And while each must be manifested by every believer, the "sacrifice of substance" is that which is described as "an odour of sweet smell, acceptable, and well pleasing to God." Even Proverbs 3:9 describes this giving

as honorable to God.

B) A Personal Sacrifice

When David indicated to Araunah (Ornan) that he wanted to offer a sacrifice to God, he offered him his materials and even the sacrifice. David rejected his offer and said, "...I will not offer that which is thine for the Lord.."

Had David accepted Araunah's offer, his sacrifice would not have been his but Araunah's. Such is the principle behind every sacrifice. No one can offer to please God by using other's service and lives. We all stand before Him individually.

C) A Costly Sacrifice

David did not only honor God with a personal sacrifice but with a costly sacrifice. He did not only buy Araunah's materials for sacrifice but he bought the WHOLE threshing floor! The principle applies not only to the offering, per se, but also to the employment of thought, effort, time, heart, motive, etc. The Macedonian believers manifested an excellent example when they "first gave their own selves" when they gave of their substance to the Lord (2 Cor. 8:5).

1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."



Top photo, David, the 17-year old son of Pastor Edwin Alvarez leads the choir of the Lighthouse BBC Olongapo Mission during their Foundation Day celebration last Friday night. Lower photo, Lighthouse Pastors pose for a picture after discussing some details of the ALLGHO@40 on March 20.

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