



"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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LIGHTHOUSE BBC GEARS UP FOR THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION

"...thou hast seen how that the Lord thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place" (Deut 1:31).

A Word from the PASTOR



With just 12 weeks away remaining until the 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration, Pastor Reuben met with the different Lighthouse Pastors, Preachers, Pastor's Men, Sentinels and Fellowship leaders last Tuesday night and detailed the plans for the coming momentous event.

Pastor confirmed that the celebration will be held at the Metrotent Metrowalk, Ortigas, Pasig City, a facility which can accommodate 1,200 to 1,500 with parking space enough for 300 cars (see picture on right).

"There is much which the Lord had done through the 40 years of our existence as a New Testament Church. It is but fitting that because of His grace, mercy and love, we all should be together and give Him glory for all things he has done," Pastor told the men. "The 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration should be a coming together of everyone who, directly and indirectly, are related to the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church. However some works have become indigenous and autonomous through the years, if they recognize Lighthouse as their root, then they should come to the celebration. The Lord practically bore us like a father bears his child, all through the 40 years, even to this day. For that we celebrate!" Pastor Reuben said.

COUNTDOWN
to the
40th ANNIVERSARY
and SACRIFICIAL
CELEBRATION
of the
LIGHTHOUSE BBC

11 Weeks



The Green Team, the winning color during the Lighthouse Family Camp at the Rizal Re-Creation Center, performs their winning number last Sunday night. They illustrated fruit-bearing through the gift-based ministries where every member of the New Testament Church should have a part.

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)

TITLE : THE GAINS BELIEVERS HAVE IN WINNING CHRIST

TEXT : Phil 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and 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.

INTRODUCTION

There is much to gain when believers choose to win Christ instead of what the world can offer. Paul enumerates some of them.

- A) The gain of having a new knowledge (vs 7,8).**
Phil 3:7-8, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord..."
"He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose" (John Elliot).
The knowledge of Christ is far more valuable than what may see as gain in the world. Such knowledge, Paul says, is excellent knowledge.
- B) The gain of having a new righteousness (v 9).**
Phil 3:9. "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness...but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."
Isa 64:6, "But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..."

Referring to Israel, Paul says, Rom 10:3, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."

- C) The gain of having a new power (v 10).**
Phil 3:10, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death."
Such power is realized when we have the fellowship of his suffering and when we are made conformable unto His death. This power is seen when we can rise victorious over sin and all its clutches. Paul says, Rom 6:11, "...reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."
- D) The gain of having a new goal (vs 11-17).**
Phil 3:12, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for

which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus."
In saying this, Paul actually says, "It is not that I have already obtained it or already reached the goal — no, my ultimate goal is to take hold of that for which Christ took hold of me."
2 Tim 1:9. Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace..."
Eph 1:4, "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love."

- E) The gain of having a new hope (vs 20,21).**
Phil 3:20-21, "For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself."

LET US WILLINGLY GIVE OUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS AS PROOF OF THE SINCERITY OF OUR LOVE.

"I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others...prove the sincerity of your love" (2 Cor 8:8).

"Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love..." (2 Cor 8:24).

Coming Events

January 11-14
BIBLEMODE's National Conference

January 18-19
All Lighthouse Workers' Workshop

January 24, 4:30PM
1st Joint Fellowship Service
(Special Music by the Saraza Strings)



Above pictures, clockwise from top, the different team colors of the Lighthouse Family Camp render their respective presentations in relation with the camp theme, Bearing Fruit By the Word of God, the Green Team (led by Robert Manaois), the Orange Team (led by Dick Ku), the Red Team (led by Rey Calingasan) and the Yellow Team (led by Gabby Yebra). The Green Team won and all others were 1st Runners up.

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