



"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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PASTOR REUBEN CONDUCTS ALL LIGHTHOUSE WORKERS' WORKSHOP MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHTS

"Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved" (Phil 4:1).

A Word from the PASTOR



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

10 Weeks

In our text above, the Apostle Paul tells his beloved people in Philippi, the ones he describes as his "joy and crown," to "stand fast in the Lord."

Then in verse 8 of the same chapter, he tells them, "...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

The work of the Lord is not done by a single individual. The work of the Lord is done by a people who He has chosen and called into service. And this service, they do, not just as individuals but as a body of people. As such, everyone should both have the understanding of how to stand fast in the Lord and what to set in their minds.

I have indicated to everyone that it is necessary that everyone who takes part in the ministry of Lighthouse BBC really understand the role each one plays and how each one may supply what others need in the area of edification. The Bible tells us in 1 Cor 14:26, "... Let all things be done unto edifying."

This is what will be presented in the All-Lighthouse Workers' Workshop which I will be personally

conducting the nights of Monday (tomorrow) and Tuesday.

I am encouraging everyone who takes part in our ministry, everyone who has a gift from God according to Rom 12:4-8, to come and complete this 2-night workshop. We all need to be on the same page in doing the ministry so to "prove all things and hold fast that which is good."



The adult fellowship of the Lighthouse BBC features the different testimonies of victories which the different members experienced in 2015 and which make them ready to Prove All Things in 2016. Such victories are the things we need to propel us further to face the challenges in 2016.

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 POWER OF CHRIST

TEXT : Phil 3:10; Phil 4

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."

INTRODUCTION

In the last lesson, we learned about what Paul gained in Christ. We found that Paul considered everything of no value compared to the Lord Jesus. In our text he tells us he had such consideration so that he may get to know Christ and the power which is in Him.

Chapter 4 illustrates to us what the power that is in Christ can do.

A) His power can unify (vs 1-3)

Phil 4:1-3, "Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved. I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life."

For whatever Paul says to Euodias and Syntyche, he tells to everyone, "be steadfast in the Lord Jesus." Such steadfastness unifies everyone in the Ekklesia in the work of the Lord. His power can indeed unify everyone, particularly if everyone is centered and built upon Christ.

B) His power can fortify (vs 4-7)

Phil 4:6-7, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known

unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

The following should be considered:

- 1) The two requisites
 - a) Be careful for nothing. This simply means that we are not to be anxious about anything and be worrisome. We are not to be panicky. See 1 Pet 5:7.
 - b) Be prayerful about everything.
- 2) The two results.

God's peace of God shall

 - a) Guard our hearts and protect us from wrong feelings.
 - b) Guard our minds and protect us from wrong thinking.

C) His power can purify (vs 8,9)

Phil 4:8-9, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you."

These verses contain the briefest description of Christ in the entire Bible. (H. Willmington)

D) His power can satisfy (vs 10-12)

Phil 4:11-12, "...I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need."

This contentment is not complacency. It is rather, containment. The abiding Christ assures us of this satisfaction.

Learn the difference between the "thermometer Christian" who is so much affected by the outside circumstances; and the "thermostat Christian" who is not only affected by the surroundings but actually controls the area surrounding him.

E) His power can supply (vs13-23)

Phil 4:13,19, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me...my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

The Christ Who strengthens is also the God Who supplies.

**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 18-19

All Lighthouse Workers' Workshop

January 23, Sat, 7AM

Saturday Morning Prayer with Pastor

January 24, 4:30PM

**1st Joint Fellowship Service
(Special Music by the Saraza Strings)**



Above pictures shows Pastor Reuben praying for some national and local candidates who graced the National Conference of the Bible Believer's League for Morality and Democracy (BIBLEMODE), hosted by the Metropolitan Bible Baptist Ekklesia last week. The conference had for its theme, "If the Foundations Be Destroyed, What Can the Righteous Do?"

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