



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

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The Year of
Proving**

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

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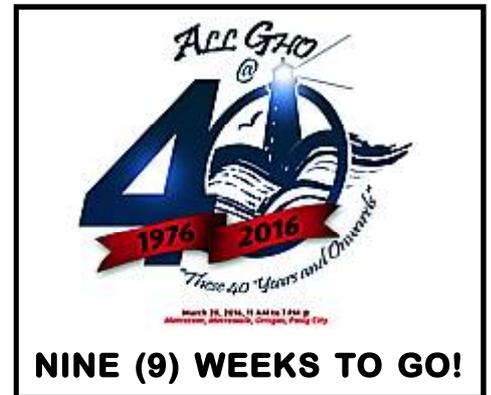
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PASTOR REUBEN EMPHASIZES THE BIBLICAL MINISTRY DURING THE ALL LIGHTHOUSE WORKERS' WORKSHOP

"Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not...by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God...For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Cor 4:1-5).

A Word from the PASTOR



There is no other pattern which God gives to us in doing the ministry but His Word, the Bible. In it we find how the Apostles and the early churches did the work of the Lord and how they were made effective by the grace of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lighthouse BBC is not simply a work of man. While God uses human instrumentality, we acknowledge that this church is God's Work in which we all should be "...steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord..." (1 Cor 15:58). In doing so, we are made confident that our labor is "not in vain in the Lord."

We cannot actually be so steadfast, unmoveable and abounding if we will not take heed and do as how Christ commands us through His Word. Only through how we make ourselves consistent with His Word can we realize His grace and power. We therefore have to be sure that the work we do (which we call ministry) is indeed patterned according to His Word.

Many people today pattern what they do in their churches according to the demands of the

times and the convenience of people. They adjust everything and make political approaches so to please everyone in the church.

This was not so during the New Testament times. Christians then considered what the Lord Jesus said, "...observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you..." This is our pattern in Lighthouse BBC and we praise God for this!



About 250 of the faithful members of Lighthouse BBC from the main church to the congregations in Metro Manila joined the All-Lighthouse Workers' Workshop last Monday and Tuesday nights. They pose for a picture with Pastor Reuben after the workshop last Tuesday. Praise God for these people!

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 24, 4:30PM

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

January 26, Tuesday

General Ministries Meeting

February 14, Sunday afternoon

Blood Letting



Top picture, Pastor Vic Serrano of Faith Baptist Church, Butuan City gives the invitation after Pastor Reuben's preaching last Sunday on the occasion of the church's Firstfruits Commitment and Pastor's Appreciation Sunday. Lower photos, left, the Metrotrent Convention Center at Metrowalk, Ortigas, site of the 40th Anniversary celebration of Lighthouse BBC. Right, volunteers during yesterday's mini Medical Mission for the Gabay Nutrisyon kids.

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