



# The Lighthouse BULLETIN

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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 TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR FATHERS ON SUNDAY

**"Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee" (Deut 5:16).**

### A Word from the PASTOR



**"Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth" (Eph 6:2-3).**

This specific command for everyone to honor fathers is one that covers both the Old and the New Testament. Specifically, it is a command given to two kinds of people: the Israelites and the Ekklesia or the New Testament Church. And we basically know that they are people who should know God and His Word.

Ephesians 6:1-3 outlines to us some truths that go with the respect, obedience, reverence and honor which we extend to our fathers. First, it is "right." Second, it leads to what will be "well with us." And, third, it gives us "longevity."

Three times in the Gospel of Matthew did the Lord make reference to this command, and this should mean that all the more we as believers should take heed to this thing.

Twice, in Rom 1:30 and 2 Tim 3:2 does the Apostle Paul warn disobedience to parents is one that brings about judgment. Let us then learn more and honor our fathers next week!

Effective June 16, the Great Commission Television (GCTV) will be



aired over Channel 89 of Signal TV and, consequently, cease to be seen on ABS-CBN TV Plus.

This means, the television shows, Lighthouse Cafe TV Talk Show and The Pulpit will then be viewed permanently over Channel 89 of Signal TV.

The initial time slots for the Lighthouse BBC shows are:

Lighthouse Cafe TV : 10-11pm (Fri),  
4-5am/10-11am/4-5pm (Saturdays).  
The Pulpit : 10-11pm (Saturdays),  
4-5am/10-11am/4-5pm (Sundays).



The Lighthouse Single Working Young People complete their presentation last Sunday reciting Hos 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge..."

### Second Quarter Focus : "Proving the Word of God."

Acts 17:11, "...they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

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

TITLE : CHRIST AND THE COLOSSIAN CHURCH  
TEXT : COL 1:15-23

## INTRODUCTION

The greatest Cristological passage in the Bible is found in Col 1:16-20, setting forth the Lord Jesus as Creator, Sustainer and Reconciler of all things in heaven and earth. In addition, Paul also declares that all wisdom and knowledge were centered in Christ (v 23).

### A) Who Christ is (vs 13-20).

The Apostle Paul says in v 15, "Who [Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature."

Epithets (characterizing words) applied to Christ in the whole Epistle are:

- 1) Image of the invisible God;
- 2) Firstborn of all creation;
- 3) All things created through Him;
- 4) He is before all things;
- 5) In Him all things hold together;
- 6) Head of the church;
- 7) The Beginning;
- 8) The firstborn from the dead;
- 9) In Him all fulness dwells;
- 10) Through Him all things are reconciled;
- 11) Christ in you the Hope of Glory;
- 12) In Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge;
- 13) In Him dwells all the fulness of Godhood bodily;

14) In Him you are made full (brought to perfection);

15) The Head of all principality and power;

16) Firstborn of all creation.

The use of the word "image" in v15 is a clear affirmation of the absolute deity of Jesus Christ. He is whatever God is -- spiritual, omnipotent, omniscient, holy -- all attributes of the eternal God. The word "image" conveys this meaning. Jesus Christ represents - indeed is -- the "very God of very God." He says, John 14:9b, "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."

God, in His essence is invisible. John 1:18 says, "No man hath seen God at any time..." But we see all His attributes in Christ.

The use of the word, "firstborn" must be understood as not being in the sense that He ever came into existence from a prior condition of non-existence, but rather, as eternally proceeding from the Father, the only Begotten Son, always manifesting the Father. This truth can be called the Doctrine of Eternal Generation. He is from eternity to eternity, a Son, in relation to the Father.

Some are sons of God by creation (e.g., angels. See Job 1:6), and we become sons of God by adoption (Rom 8:14-15). But He is the Son, by eternal generation (or eternal relation) the only begotten of the Father.

### B) What Christ has done (vs 16-23).

#### 1) In regard to creation (vs 16, 17, 20).

a) He created all things (v 16).

Jesus Christ is certainly not created, for the obvious reason that He Himself is the Creator of all things in heaven and earth, material and spiritual, visible or invisible.

Only God can create, and God did not create Himself.

John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made."

Heb 11:3, "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

#### b) He sustains all things (v 17).

The word, "consist" means "sustain." The things created by Christ are now being sustained, or conserved, or held together by Him. He is "upholding all things by the word of His power" (Heb 1:3).

Ps 119:90-91, "...thou hast established the earth, and it abideth. They continue this day according to thine ordinances..." Acts 17:28, "For in him we live, and move, and have our being..."

#### c) He will reconcile all things (v 20).

Christ's death on the cross not only paid the price for man's redemption, but also for that of the whole universe. because of sin, the creation is under the great curse. Rom 8:22, "...the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" so it must be reconciled to God.

#### 2) In regard to the church (vs 18-19, 21-23).

He is the Head of the church.

Eph 1:22-23, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." See also Eph 4:15-16.



Top photo, the Lighthouse Single Working Young People (SWYPE) illustrate the reasons why people's lives are destroyed through their version of the game, Family Feud. Lower photos, the Psalters and HOE singing group giving their numbers.

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