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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
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hold fast that which
is good."

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LIGHTHOUSE CHURCHES, MISSIONS AND OUTREACHES HOLD GREAT COMMISSION CONFERENCE FROM TUESDAY TIL THURSDAY THIS WEEK

*"And all that believed were together, and had all things common" (Acts 2:44).
"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul..."
(Acts 4:32).
"...be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1
Cor 1:10).*

A Word from the PASTOR



As your Pastor, If I am to be asked what I desire to see in all our people, and yes, in all Lighthouse BBC related works all around the country and abroad in these next few days, I will readily say that I desire to see the qualities described in the above verses. From Tuesday night, the whole of Wednesday and Thursday night, all our Lighthouse works will come together and hold our Great Commission Conference for this year 2016. We are going to challenge ourselves to go deep into the meaty principles of Christ's purpose and mandate for us as His people, and pray that everyone, from pastors to the youngest and least of all our members, be able to have knowledge, understanding and wisdom in realizing the said purpose and mandate in our lives and ministries.

We live in days when the typical church member simply comes and attends services and does nothing more. But we believe that there is more to the great salvation that God gave to us through Jesus Christ than simply attending services! And the Great Commission Conference is one such event which should make this truth clear in all our people.

The theme for this year's GCC is, "Fulfilling the Work of Faith with Power According to the the Effectual Working in the Measure of Every Part." This is drawn from 2 Thess 1:11, "...we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good

pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power..." and Eph 4:16, "...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..."

There is much that we must accomplish for Christ while we are here on earth. And we would that when He comes, we would be present to Him "...a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but...holy and without blemish" (Eph 5:27).
See you all at the GCC!
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The Lighthouse BBC Terni Outreach was happy to pose for a picture with Pastor Reuben after the service last Sunday, November 20. Pastor Reuben formally formed the work into an Outreach with Brother Elmer Moreno as the Outreach Leader. Brother Elmer is seated at the extreme right at 2nd row.

Fourth Quarter Focus :
"Proving all things and holding fast that which is good" (1 Thes 5:21).

Rom 12:2, "...prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

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

**TITLE : THE REPUTATION OF THE
THESSALONIAN CHURCH**
TEXT : 1 THES 1:1-10

INTRODUCTION

We initially studied how the Apostle Paul thanked the Lord for the Thessalonian church. Let us now look further into their reputation as a people of God in Thessalonica.

A) They were an energetic church (vs 1-3).
1 Thess 1:3. "Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope..."

B) They were an elect church (vs 4-5)
1 Thess 1:4, "Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God." This election is also mentioned by Paul in 2 Thess 2:13, "...God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth..."
Election is both individual and corporate. It covers both the individual believer and the congregation, the body of believers corporately and this is the view in these passages. Both these great truths are presented in the Bible. They are not contradictory and the all Persons of the Godhead are involved in this election. Appreciate these truths:
1) In regard to the Father: We were saved at the foundation of the world (Eph 1:4; 2 Tim

1:9)
2) In regard to the Son: We were saved at the cross (Gal 2:20);
3) In regard to the Holy Spirit: We were saved at the moment of our acceptance (Titus 3:5).

C) They were an exemplary church (v 7).
1 Thess 1:7, "...ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia."

D) They were a Gospel-spreading church (v 8)
1 Thess 1:8, "...from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing."

E) They were a converted church (v 9)
1 Thess 1:9, "...they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols..."

F) They were a serving church (v 9)
1 Thess 1:9, "...to serve the living and true God..."
It is beautiful that this description follows their conversion. They did not just simply turned from idols to God. Rather, they turned from idols to SERVE the living and true God. This means that the Thessalonian members believed that everyone in the church should serve God and be in a specific place of service, much like what we believe that we should see in all our Lighthouse BBC members. Eph 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which

God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."
It must be noted this refers to their labor of love.

G) They were an expectant church (v 10)
1 Thess 1:10, "And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come."
A church which exhibits patience of hope must indeed look forward with great expectancy to the imminent return of the Lord Jesus.

With such a very short stay of Paul in Thessalonica, this church exhibited such exemplary characteristics which should be imitated by our churches of today.

WATCH The Lighthouse CAFE TV TALK SHOW, seen every Saturday; and THE PULPIT, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 88 on CIGNAL and also on Digital TV/ABSCBN TV Plus. Both shows are aired 4-5am/10-11am/4-5pm/10-11pm. To view the programs in YouTube, simply search for the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church Channel. Share with your friends!



Top photo shows the Pastoral Staff illustrating how Christians can use the social media to be effective witnesses, just one of the topics which will be discussed at the GCC. Lower photo, the Lighthouse BBC Terni Outreach holding their Sunday services with Pastor Reuben.

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