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- In consecration to God

Deut 26:17, "Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

- In obedience to God

Exod 34:26, "The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God."

- On a set day

Num 28:26, "Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye bring a new meat offering unto the LORD, after your weeks be out, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:

- On a yearly frequency

Neh 10:35, "And to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD:

- In no delay (with diligent preparation)

Exod 22:29, "Thou shalt not delay to offer the first of thy ripe fruits, and of thy liquors: the firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me.

(4) SACRIFICIAL AS "RUNNING OVER" GIVING

RUNNING OVER	Sacrifice	Sacrificial Offering	Well pleasing Stewards
	Phil 4:18, "But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God."	The Sacrificial Offerings are used for various special needs and projects of the church.	1 Peter 2:5, "Ye also...are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."
RUNNING OVER PROVISION comes as a result of Sacrificial Giving	Phil 4:19, "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." 2 Cor 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always		

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"The entrance of Thy words
giveth light..." (Ps 119:130a)

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**Being Well
Pleasing in
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Heb 13:21
"...working in you
that which is
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LIGHTHOUSE BBC LEARNS THE TRUE WORKING OF THE GRACE OF GOD BESTOWED ON HIS PEOPLE

"We...beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain"
(2 Cor 6:1).

Praise God for the 3-Sunday night Stewardship Emphasis! Through this event we are able to realize the true working of the Grace of God in the New Testament Church, in particular, the Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church.

Throughout the three weeks of study, I expounded on the riches of the Grace of God toward His people, how that His Grace is abounding to the whole body of believers.

Our text above admonishes us, "...that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." Instead, to take the example of the Apostle Paul when he said, "...His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain..."

One of the most important lessons we learned about the grace of God is this: That it is not bestowed simply for the benefit of the recipient.

In the case of the Apostle Paul, we can see two results of the Grace of God in his life, both in times of sufficiency and want -- evidences that the grace of God in him was not in vain.

In the matter of the grace of God which made him to say, "...by the grace of God I am what I am," such grace made him to labor more abundantly than others.

In the matter of the grace of God in him, in answer to his weakness, particularly in how the Lord replied to his thorn in the flesh, such grace strengthened him to even make him to say, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities..." And what resulted farther because of the grace that strengthened him? By the same grace, he was able to tell the Corinthian believers, "And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved" (2 Cor 12:15).

The Lord Jesus showed us by example the perfect work of grace in 2 Cor 8:9, "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

What do these things mean to all of us?



The true working of grace does not begin and stop in the person or people to which this grace is bestowed, but it flows and blesses those around him/them. That is the reason it is described as abounding.

For the person who claims that the grace of God made him to reach his goal, such grace enables him go beyond himself and to bless and even enrich others. For the person going through tough times in life, such grace enables him to be strong and to overcome his plight so he can be strong for others.

Without these results of grace in us, it appears that we only receive the grace of God in vain.



Lighthouse BBC's primary adult fellowship, the Household of Aquila and Priscilla (HAP) makes a very comprehensive presentation that summarizes the preachings of Pastor Reuben on the Grace of God in the Ekklesia. Picture shows the HAP citing points in Pastor's messages on the subject.

Third Quarter Focus :

Being Well Pleasing to God in Thanksgiving and Praise

Heb 13:15-16, "...offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually...to do good and to communicate forget not...for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

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

ABOUNDING IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

By Pastor Reuben Abante

<p>“Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also” (2 Cor 8:7). “...prove the sincerity of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich (2 Cor 8:8-9). “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1 Peter 4:10)</p>			
LEVELS OF GOD’S PROVISION	OUR ABOUNDING (INCREASING) IN THE GRACE OF GIVING	OUR APPLICATION AT LIGHTHOUSE BBC	OUR STEWARDSHIP
THE OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLE			
<p>Neh 12:44, “And at that time were some appointed over the chambers for the <u>treasures</u>, for the <u>offerings</u>, for the <u>firstfruits</u>, and for the <u>tithes</u>, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The examples of levels of their giving - (1) tithes, (2) offerings, (3) firstfruits and (4) treasures.</p>			
<p>Luke 6:38, “Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. <u>For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.</u>”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>That which you receive will be in accordance to the measures of your giving - (1) good measure, (2) pressed down, (3) shaken together and (4) running over.</i></p>	<p>2 Cor 8:7, “Therefore, as ye abound in every thing, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that <u>ye abound in this grace also.</u>”</p>	<p>2 Cor 9:8, “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”</p>	<p>1 Peter 4:10, “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 Cor 9:7, “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”</p>
(1) TITHING AS THE “GOOD MEASURE” GIVING			
<u>GOOD MEASURE</u>	<u>Tithe</u>	<u>Tithe</u>	<u>Faithful Stewards</u>
	<p>Mal 3:10, “Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”</p> <p>Lev 27:30, “And all the tithe...is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord.”</p>	<p>The tithes sustain all the general ministry requirement of the whole Lighthouse BBC: people, facilities and sustenance of all ministries.</p>	<p>1 Cor 4:2, “...it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”</p> <p>Matt 22:21, ““Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.”</p> <p>Mal 3:8-9, “Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.”</p>
<p><u>Good Measure Provision comes as a result of GOOD MEASURE GIVING</u></p>	<p>Gen 14:18-20 18 And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: 20 And blessed be the most high God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.</p> <p>Lev 27:30, “...all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s: it is holy unto the Lord.”</p>		

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(2) FREEWILL (MISSIONS) OFFERING AS “PRESSED DOWN” GIVING			
<u>PRESSED DOWN</u>	<u>Increase (Also Freewill Offerings)</u>	<u>Mission Giving (Love, Faith, Mercy Offerings)</u>	<u>Loving Steward</u>
	<p>2 Chron 31:5, “And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the fields; and the tithes of all things brought they in abundantly.”</p> <p>Deut 16:10, “And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.”</p>	<p>The Mission Offerings help sustain all missions, outreaches and extensions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Love - Local Missions Faith - Foreign Missions Mercy - Ministry of Helping our Communities</p>	<p>2 Cor 8:8, “...prove the sincerity of your love.”</p> <p>1 John 3:18, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.”</p> <p>2 Cor 8:24, “Wherefore shew ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf.”</p>
<p><u>PRESSED DOWN PROVISION comes as a result of giving from our Increase or Freewill Giving</u></p>	<p>Ps 67:5-7, “Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.”</p> <p>Deut 12:6, “And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks.”</p> <p>Ps 119:108, “Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord, and teach me thy judgments.”</p> <p>2 Cor 8:11-14, “ Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For I mean not that other men be eased, and ye burdened: But by an equality, that now at this time your abundance may be a supply for their want, that their abundance also may be a supply for your want: that there may be equality.”</p> <p>Rom 15:26-27, “For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.”</p>		
(3) FIRSTFRUITS AS “SHAKEN TOGETHER” GIVING			
<u>SHAKEN TOGETHER</u>	<u>Firstfruits</u>	<u>Firstfruits (Thanksgiving)</u>	<u>Rejoicing and Thankful Stewards</u>
	<p>Prov 3:9-10, “Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.”</p>	<p>The Thanksgiving offerings for the whole year are used for various special needs and projects of the church.</p>	<p>Ps 107:22, “...let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.”</p>
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