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"The entrance of Thy Words giveth light; it giveth understanding to the simple" (Ps 119:130).

Being Well Pleasing in 2017

Heb 13:21

"...working in you that which is wellpleasing in His sight..."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC LAUNCHES THE YEAR OF BEING WELL PLEASING AND THE 10-WEEK COUNTDOWN TO THE 41ST ANNIVERSARY AND SACRIFICIAL CELEBRATION

"...the God of peace...make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight..." (Heb 13:20-21).

"...I have all, and abound: I am full, having received...an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God" (Phil 4:18).

A Word from the PASTOR



Three significant things happen today at Lighthouse BBC: first, we launch our theme for the whole new year 2017 which is, Being Well Pleasing in 2017; secondly, we launch focus for the first quarter of the year, "Being Well Pleasing in Sacrifice; thirdly, we are launching our 10-week countdown to our 41st Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration which will be on March 19, 2017.

We praise God the past year 2016, The Year of Proving. And indeed, we can say that by the grace of God, we have proven many things as a New Testament Church. In fact, during the last few weeks of December, my messages emphasized the results that come by being able to prove all things and which should be translated to our lives as His people: that of being able to hold fast that which is good and at the same time, being able to abstain from all appearance of evil (see 1 Thes 5:19-22).

From having proven all things and being able to hold fast that which is good, we then come to the point in our life as an Ekklesia when we become "wellpleasing in His sight" through His working in our lives, midst and ministries.

As an Ekklesia, we are not just simply concerned with how we stand before God as individuals or even as families. Too many Christians simply concern themselves with their respective selves and families. But as a Lighthouse BBC, we go beyond these things. Instead, we desire that as His people, as a work of God, as an Ekklesia, we do all the things which are wellpleasing in His sight.

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Above picture shows Dr Benny Abante as he prays during the 40th Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration of the Lighthouse BBC last year held at the Metrotrent. Today, the church officially launches the 10-week count-down to the 41st Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration on March 19, 2017.

First Quarter Focus :

Being Well Pleasing in Sacrifice

Phil 4:18, "...having received...from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to 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 turn 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.

Countdown to 41st Anniversary and Sacrificial Celebration: 10 weeks

**WATCH The
LIGHTHOUSE
CAFE TV TALK
SHOW and MGA
MUNTING ILAW**



every Saturday;
and **THE PULPIT**, featuring our Sunday morning services, every Sunday on GCTV, Ch 185 on CIGNAL and also on Digital TV/ABSCBN TV Plus. Both these programs are seen every 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm on said days. The **Mga Munting Ilaw Kids Show** is seen every Saturday and Sunday, 12n and 5pm. To view the programs in YouTube, simply



search for the Lighthouse BBC Channel. Also check the Great Commission TV FB Page.

We believe that is the proper perspective in looking at the many writings of the Apostle Paul in his epistles.

See how to the Thessalonian church, 1 Thess 4:1, "...we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God..." To the Philippian church he writes, Phil 4:18, "...I have all, and abound: I am full, having received...the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God." To the Colossian church, he writes, Col 1:10, "...walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work..."

Aren't these churches our very examples in our day?



Above picture shows the straw collage works of the different color groups during the Lighthouse Family Camp held at the Mt Makiling Re-Creation Center. The theme for these art works was Our Conformity to the Word and Non-Conformity to the World. The collage works will again be presented tonight during the Fellowship Service.

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