



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

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Being Well Pleasing in 2017

Heb 13:21

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

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC HOLDS BACCALAUREATE 2017 TODAY

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:12-14).

We all realize that the word "commencement" does not actually mean the termination of something but the time when something else begins. And as graduates go through these exercises, we also endeavor, as a work of God, to equip each one of them to go forward to the next level.

What the Apostle Paul writes in our text above should be noted by all graduates. While Paul himself accomplished so much in the ministry, and while he could consider himself to have proven much before men, he humbly said, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended..."

I am encouraging all our people to be back this afternoon at 3pm as we have our Baccalaureate 2017. Let us come together as a church and give our encouragement to all our graduates.

They are not just the family members alone who have roles to play in the performance of all our young people in every area they may be in. Consider that of all equipping, the best is the spiritual equipping. Hence, I call on all our people



to be one, both in applauding their respective performances in school and in encouraging each one of them to strongly move forward to the next level. In fact, they need to move forward not just to the next level but to the "mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!"

Our Lighthouse BBC works in Metro Manila will be joining us for the Baccalaureate 2017. - PRA



Members of the Household of Aquila and Priscilla (HAP) do their final number during their presentation last Sunday night. They illustrated the difference between temporal gifts and spiritual gifts and how each one should use the spiritual gifts with thanksgiving in their hearts to the Lord.

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)

TITLE : PAUL'S ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE
THESSALONIAN BELIEVERS
TEXT : 2 THES 1:1-12

INTRODUCTION

As studied during the introduction to the book of 2 Thessalonians, the believers then were under severe persecution for their faith in Christ. Paul now writes to assure them that what they are going through is not the great tribulation. He also explains why they are allowed by God to go through such sufferings.

A) They could victoriously endure the sufferings

1) Their tribulations help them to grow in faith.

2 Thess 1:3, "We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren...because that your faith groweth exceedingly..." Our attachment to God's Word becomes clearer and stronger as we go through difficulties in life.

2) Their tribulations help them to abound in love.

2 Thess 1:3, "...charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth..." See 1 John 2:5; Rom 5:3-5.

3) Their tribulations help them increase their steadfastness (patience).

2 Thess 1:4, "So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure."

4) Their tribulations help them fit for God's Kingdom.

2 Thess 1:5, "...that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer."

5) Their tribulation help bring glory to Christ.

2 Thess 1:12, "That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

B) They would victoriously escape the tribulation of God.

1) The time of this tribulation.

2 Thess 1:7, "...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels." See also Mt 13:39, 41,49; 16:27; 24:31; 25:31).

2) The nature of this tribulation.

2 Thess 1:8, "In flaming fire taking vengeance on them..."

3) The recipients of this tribulation.

- a) 2 Thess 1:8, "...them that know not God..." See Rom 1:18-20; 2:12-16.
- b) 2 Thess 1:8, "...and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ..."

4) The results of this tribulation.

2 Thess 1:9, "Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." As God is holy and righteous, He cannot leave sin unpunished. A god who cannot punish evil is no god at all. We should never think that because God is love, that He would sacrifice His being a God of righteousness on the altar of love. The word destruction here never means annihilation. It means loss of well-being, or ruin as far as the purpose of existence is concerned.

The punishment of the wicked includes banishment or eternal separation from the presence of God.

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. 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.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES, "THE PULPIT", PARTICULARLY, THE MORNING PREACHING, WILL BE AIRED LIVE FROM 11AM TO 12NOON OVER GCTV, CH 185 ON CIGNAL.

BE AT THE 3-SUNDAY NIGHT STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS ON JULY 23, 30 AND AUGUST 6.



Top photo, the Household of Aquila and Priscilla, the primary adult fellowship in Lighthouse BBC, illustrate the typical reaction of believers between temporal gifts and spiritual gifts. Lower photo, various leaders of Lighthouse District and Fellowships take picture with PRA after breakfast yesterday.

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