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Being a Blessing in 2018

1 Pet 3:8-9;2 Pet 1:3

"...Be ye all...
a blessing... according
as... He hath called us to
glory and virtue."

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LIGHTHOUSE BBC BEGINS NINE (9) WEEKS COUNTDOWN FOR 42nd ANNIVERSARY

"So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Gal 3:9).

"Christ had redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us...that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ..." (Gal 3:13a,14a).

he verses above tell us much about our being blessed as God's people, as an Ekklesia of the Lord Jesus. And because of how we are blessed, we have much to really thank God for, especially as we look forward to our 42nd year as a work of God.

Today we begin our official countdown leading to our 42nd Anniversary and Sacrificial Thanksgiving on March 18, 2017 which is just nine (9) weeks away! That is practically just over two months to go!

In preparation for this big event for all the Lighthouse BBC, we shall be having our first General Ministries Meeting on Tuesday night, January 16. I am encouraging everyone, not simply those who actively take part in many different ministries, but everyone who love the Lord through the Lighthouse BBC work.

We are not just looking forward to an event, but to a coming together to offer to God our Sacrificial Offerings as His people.

The Apostle Peter says in 1 Pet 2:5, "ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

Indeed, we are a spiritual house as an Ekklesia. And what is becoming for us as such is to be able to offer "spiritual sacrifices" and that, of course, includes the highest offering of both our body and substance to the Lord and His work.

Let us then begin to prepare in mind and heart to give to the Lord our Sacrificial Offerings and to celebrate His great work of making us His blessed people!



The cast and crew of the Munting Ilaw Kids Show were at the Aspen Gardens in San Ildefonso, Bulacan for the location shoot episode. This is through partnership with Engr Eric Illescas.

"...the God of peace... make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight..." Hebrews 13:20:21

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BEING A BLESSING

IN 2018

Finally, Be ye all... a blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing 1 Peter 3:8-9

ACCORDING AS... HE HATH CALLED US TO GIORY AND VIRTUE:

2 PETER 1:3

These two themes will be before us as we begin this New Year 2018, the first one will last until we have reached our 42nd year come March 18, 2018.

First Quarter Focus :
Being Blessed to be a Blessing

Eph 1:3, "Blessed be God...Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Special Sunday School Lesson

TITLE : OUR CALLING

TEXT

1 Peter 3:8-9, "...be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing."

2 Peter 1:3, "...His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue..."

INTRODUCTION

As we begin the New Year 2018 and as we consider the key verses which guide us in our theme, Being a Blessing in 2018, it is worth considering the calling that we have as God's people, which the Apostle Peter mentions in our texts above.

Consider our calling:

A) We are called according to His purpose and Grace. This means that in addition to His Purpose, Grace is also both active in our calling.

2 Tim 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace,

which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.."

1 Peter 5:10, "But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."

Rom 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

B) We are called by the Gospel

2 Thess 2:14, "Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

C) We were called out of darkness into His marvelous light

1 Peter 2:9, "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

D) We are called unto the fellowship of Christ

1 Cor 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

E) We are called unto holiness

1 Thess 4:7, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

1 Peter 1:15, "15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

F) We were called and left with an example

1 Peter 2:21, "For even hereunto were ye

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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

GCTV Great Commission Television 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.

called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his step."

G) We are to be worthy of our calling

Eph 4:1-3

I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

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The prime adult fellowship group at Lighthouse BBC, the Household of Aquila and Priscilla (HAP) gave a very excellent presentation last Sunday depicting the practical application of Pastor Reuben's preaching on our proper responses to the blessings of God to us. Praise God for our faithful adults fellowship and leadership!