



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

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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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THE GOSPEL, GRACE AND GLORY OF GOD IN LIGHTHOUSE BBC

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ...to the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us accepted in the beloved...that we should be to the praise of His glory, who first trusted in Christ" (Eph 1:3,6).

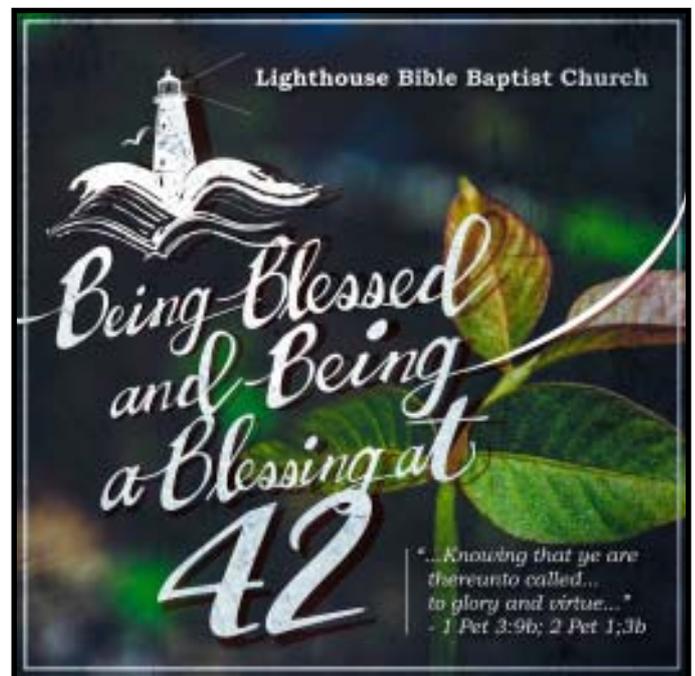
More than anything which we should be thankful for as people of faith is what God had made us as an Ekklesia. Many Bible believers do not value this truth because they only care for what they are as individuals, families, as career and business people.

In Lighthouse BBC however, we care to put more value into what we are as an Ekklesia because it is in this where we see God's direct working.

The Apostle Paul, writing to the church in Ephesus, clearly makes this point as he uses the terms, "Who hath blessed us," "...wherein He hath made us," "...that we should be..." It is evident in these passages that Paul wanted them to value what they were as an Ekklesia.

Our appreciation of what we are as an Ekklesia or church of the Lord Jesus Christ will even be more realized when we consider what we should be known for: 1) how we faithfully bear the Gospel; 2) how His Grace works effectively and fruitfully in everyone of us (and in so many ways); and, 3) how that we only lift up the glory of God in our midst.

When we know what we should really value, then we become blessings!



The Lighthouse District 5 members do their share of recognizing and honoring mothers during their presentation last Sunday evening.

Second Quarter Focus :

Being Equipped to be a Blessing

"... the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man ... that ye may excel to the edifying of the church..." (1 Cor 12:7; 14:12).

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
Lesson No. 2Thes070217-03

TITLE : THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
TEXT : 2 THESS 2:1, "NOW WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, BY THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND BY OUR GATHERING TOGETHER UNTO HIM."

INTRODUCTION

As the Apostle Paul admonishes the church in Thessalonica on the basis of the "coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," we also treat this subject of His 2nd coming as vitally important.

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E) The character of the Second Coming of Christ

1) It will be personal.

By the term "personal coming" of Christ, we mean His literal, visible, bodily return as contrasted with a coming which is merely figurative or providential. In other words, this means He will come again in like manner as He went away. Acts 1:11b, "...this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

2) It will be visible.

Jesus Christ in His Second Coming shall be seen, both by the saints and the world: the one at the Rapture, the other at the Revelation (see Heb 9:28; Rev 1:7; Matt 24:26,27).

The word "seen" has reference to what is tangible and is discovered with the eyes - something that one views with attention.

Matt 26:64b, "...Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven."

The ascension was a literal fact manifested in the physical senses; so shall be the Second Coming of Christ.

3) It will be bodily.

He is to come in like manner as He went away. He ascended in a literal body, the body in which He was crucified, which was raised from the dead -- transformed and changed, yet real and tangible, capable of being touched and handled.

4) It will be glorious.

The Son of man is coming in the clouds of heaven in splendor, with power and great glory. See Matt 16:27; 24:30; Mark 8:38; 2 Thes 1:7,8).

5) It will be sudden.

Jesus Christ will come "as a thief", unannounced to the world at large - without warning, unexpectedly, suddenly (see Rev 22:7, 12, 20). The Greek word translated "quickly" does not necessarily mean soon or without delay, but the word has the thought of speed or suddenness. See 1 Thes 5:2,3; Matt 24:37-39; Lu 21:34,35).

6) It will be Two-Fold.

Just as the first coming of the Lord extended over a period of thirty years, so His Second Coming involves a period of time and includes a series of events.

At His first coming, he was revealed as a babe in Bethlehem, later as the Lamb of God at His baptism, and as a Redeemer at Calvary.

At the Second Coming, He will suddenly appear to His own and catch them away. This is called the Rapture.

Immediately, after the Rapture, there comes a period of tribulation.

Following this, there is another sudden but open manifestation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with His accompanying saints and angels for the purpose of establishing the long-promised Messianic Kingdom on earth. This is called the Revelation.

At the Rapture, Christ comes in the air and His saints are caught up to meet Him. This stage has two events transpiring: the resurrection of the dead saints and the transformation or bodily change of the living saints. After this they shall be caught up together (raptured) to meet the Lord in the air. - to be continued -



Top photo, the Lighthouse District 5 dramatizes the life story of Timothy to illustrate the significance of faithful mothers in rearing up children. Lower photo, the mothers present during the Mothers Day celebration last Sunday take time to have a group picture with Pastor Reuben. About 130 mothers were recognized.

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