



"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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BEING A BLESSING ALSO MEANS BEING FAITHFUL

"That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith" (Gal 3:14).

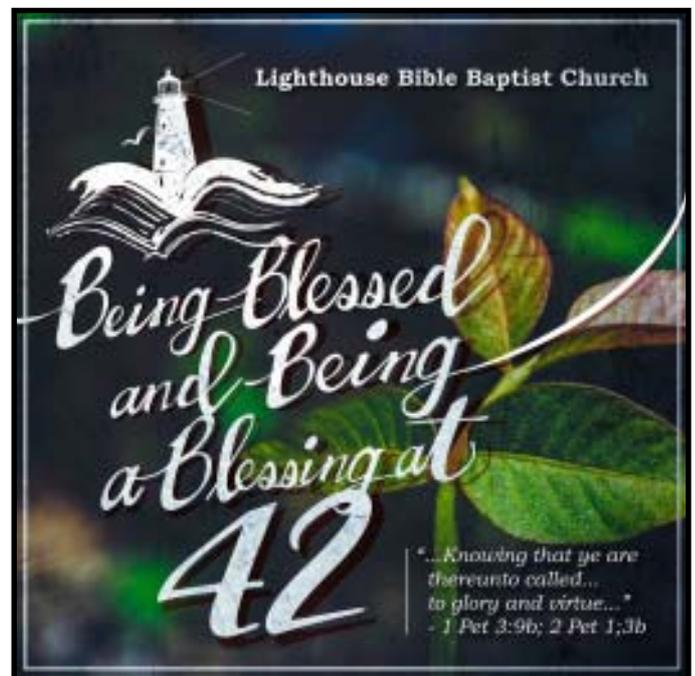
"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing...and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen 12:2-3).

It is amazing how that the blessing of Abraham come to us today through the faith that is in Jesus Christ! And now we stand as a people blessed of God in so many wonderful ways!

When the Lord God told Abraham, "...thou shalt be a blessing," he intentionally lived to be a blessing by showing his faith in God. He believed and obeyed God's every word! Romans 4:20 says, "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God...being fully persuaded that, what He had promised, He was able also to perform."

Abraham made it a point to be intentional in following God at His Word. As he made himself intentionally faithful, he in turn became a blessing! And this blessing flowed to us even in our day!

We often say, Let us be intentional in being a blessing. One other way in saying this is, Let us be intentional in being faithful!



VBS2018 teachers and helpers pose for picture as they get ready for the annual event happening from May 28 to June 1 with the theme, Jerusalem: Back to the Holy Land.

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.

... continued ...

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.

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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 picture, boys: MacMac, Raj and Mojo, do their play on behalf of Lighthouse District 6 which depict the grace of God in the lives of their own parents as they involve themselves in the ministry. Lower photo, pastors come together for picture during the last night of the BIBLEMODE USA Conference hosted by the International Bible Baptist Church, San Leandro, CA.

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