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Mark your calendars: November 9-12

Revival CELEBRATION

A Revival will be held at the Canton Christian Church Nov. 9th thru Nov. 12th. The Revival will kick off on Sunday, Nov. 9th at 10:25 a.m. during our regular worship service. It will continue Sunday thru Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving with Meaning

By Michael Grigsby

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV

When is it easiest to be thankful? When things are going good, right? While it might be easier to praise God when you are most happy and comfortable, it is just as important, if not more important, to thank Him in the midst of trials.

In 1 Thessalonians, Paul tells the church at Thessalonica to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This can be hard to do, especially when things aren't going well. So why do we have to give thanks? Why can't we resist the temptation to succumb to cynicism and ingratitude? Because God calls us to a life of continual thankfulness. It is God's will that we give thanks.

This is not to say we need to always be smiling. Sometimes, things in life are bad, and we should mourn or be upset; however, it is in these moments

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Prayer is the Way

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Thanksgiving with Meaning

that God asks us to thank Him anyway.

The trials in our lives are not pointless. God has a purpose for everything, even the bad. We might not be able to see the good, but God can see the whole picture, and we can gain hope in knowing that our suffering is not in vain, but rather, part of God's greater purpose.

Furthermore, Paul says in *Colossians 3:17*, "*And whatever you do whether in word or deed, do it all in the*

name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." NIV

No matter how we feel at any given moment, we are still in control of what we say and do, and we should use this opportunity to point our lives back to God. A defining characteristic of a Christian is how they respond to trials. By finding the good in the bad and giving thanks despite the unfavorable circumstances, Christians set themselves apart from the rest of the

world while simultaneously lifting their own spirits by fixing their eyes on God instead of on the earth.

So this Thanksgiving, whether you see the blessing abounding in your life or you are struggling to find anything to be thankful for, turn to God, the one who blesses you with grace and salvation daily and who longs for you to praise Him in the midst of your suffering, trusting in Him and His perfect purpose for your life now and forevermore.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 Elvin Kendrick  Daylight Savings Time Ends	3 Shelly Bates Reeta Martin	4	5 Kim Nelson Kacey Owens	6 Randy & Jennifer Haigler	7 Oletha Acre Dillon Chaloupek	8 Charles Blood
9 Bryce King	10 Reid Haigler Mark Haigler	11 Abigal McDonald Jim & Lanna Chaloupek	12	13 Bode Bond Hannah Hoffman	14 Frances Bates Mitchell Sparks Baustin Prather Justin Taylor	15 Roger Owens
16 Sienna Bates	17	18 Freddie Seifried	19 Harry Wile	20 Matthew Swartwood	21 Joseph Blaylock Billy & Sandy Murray	22 Jessie & Vicki Follis
23	24 Dennis Acre	25	26 Chris Lance	27 Sandy Gilchrist 	28 Earl Dean Hoskins Carmeta Smith David & Jeannie Howard	29 Brandi Haigler
30 John Boettler		CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. 	<i>Becky Garriott - November</i> <i>Evie Swartwood - December</i> <i>?? - January</i>  HOLY COMMUNION		NOTE: Please notify us if a name needs to be removed or added. Contact Toni Goforth at: tonigo4th@hotmail.com or you may text or call 580-822-5109.	

TEST YOUR BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

EPHESIANS

1302. The "prince of the power of the air" is
(Ephesians 2:2)

- a beneficent
- b indifferent
- c malign
- d capricious

1303. You have been saved, wrote Paul,
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

- a quite through your own efforts
- b not at all through your own efforts
- c partly through your own efforts
- d by my efforts

1304. To the Gentiles Paul said that Christ had "broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh

(Ephesians 2:14-15)

- a the attitude of special dispensation
- b hatred of any living thing
- c the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances
- d the spirit of aggression

1305. The fact that the Gentiles are "fellow-heirs" was, to earlier generations,

(Ephesians 3:4-6)

- a not known
- b known, but ignored
- c known, but misinterpreted
- d known, and admitted

1306. "Let not the sun go down," wrote Paul, "upon your

(Ephesians 4:26)

- a idleness
- b wrath
- c idolatry
- d faith

1307. Paul did not urge that among the brethren there be no
(Ephesians 5:4, 18-19)

- a foolish talking
- b jesting
- c drunkenness
- d singing

1308. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands," wrote Paul, and added,

(Ephesians 5:22-25, 33)

- a no widow should remarry
- b except in the raising of children
- c in return for exclusive possession of your husband
- d let each husband love his wife as himself

1309. It is written, Paul noted, that a man shall "leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh," adding that this is (Ephesians 5:31-32)

- a self-evident
- b understandable
- c somewhat ambiguous
- d a great mystery

1310. "Honour thy father and mother," quoted Paul, noting that this "is the first commandment with promise;" in fact,

(Ephesians 6:1-3; Exodus 20:2-17)

- a it is also the last such
- b the promise sets other conditions
- c the promise refers only to life after death
- d it is a promise few would value

1311. Paul urged servants to (Ephesians 6:5-8)

- a rebel against their masters
- b be obedient to their masters
- c practice passive nonobedience
- d save, to purchase their freedom

REJOICE

1302. c
1303. b
1304. c
1305. a
1306. a
1307. b
1308. d
1309. d
1310. a
1311. b

ANSWERS

God loves the way you don't see.

For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him.

—ROMANS 10:12

Some people see only the differences. She is so fat! Did you see his clothes? What is she doing on this side of town? Shade of skin, heritage, size, weight, and age - instead of seeing these as amazing reminders of the creativity of God, some people see these differences as a reason to mock, to scorn, even to hate. But you know that the God who loves, cherishes, and saves you is the same God who loves, cherishes, and longs to save everyone. Instead of differences, you see souls who need Jesus. And God loves the way you see them instead of their differences.



"The work God wants you to do is this: Believe the One he sent.

[John 6:29 NCV]

"I Am the Way"

Some historians clump Christ with Moses, Muhammad, Confucius, and other spiritual leaders. But Jesus refuses to share the page. He declares, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6 RSV). He could have been politically correct and said, "I know the way," or, "I show the way." Yet he speaks of who he is: *I am the way*.

Many flinch at this absolute. It sounds primitive in our era of broadbands and broad minds. The world is shrinking, cultures are blending, borders are bending; this is the day of inclusion. All roads lead to heaven, right?

But how can all religions lead to God when they are so different? We don't tolerate such illogic in other matters. We don't pretend that all roads lead to London or all ships sail to Australia.

Jesus cleared a one-of-a-kind passageway uncluttered by human effort. Christ came, not for the strong, but for the weak; not for the righteous, but for the sinner. We enter his way with the confession of our need, not the completion of our deeds. He dies and we live. He invites and we believe.

—Max Lucado

ONE MORE THOUGHT

Do you have friends who struggle with this idea? Do you wrestle with it yourself? Jesus does not intend to exclude. He's just being clear. He is God. No one else. The road goes through him. No shortcuts and no detours. One God. One way. Make your choice.