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Let Us Be Thankful

God's Peace, Everyone

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. As God's children we have much for which we can be thankful. Above all we have been chosen by God to be His children. The salvation of our souls was established even before God created the heavens and all of His earthly creation. On the sixth day He created man from the dust of the earth and blew into him the breath of life. So great is His love toward mankind that He wants us to enjoy the blessings He gives in this life as we walk according to His Will and statutes. When this life is past He desires us to spend eternity with Him and our Lord and Savior in the glories of Heaven.

The Scripture has much instruction for praise and thanksgiving unto our Heavenly Father. Eph.5:19-20. Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord: Giving thanks always for all things unto God the Father in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Phil.4:6. Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made unto God Col.1:12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father which made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son, In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins Col.3:15-17 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also ye are called in one body and be ye thankful. Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Psalm 107:1 O, Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good for His mercy endureth forever. Psalm 50:14-15 Offer unto God thanksgiving and pay thy vows unto the most high. And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

As we celebrate Thanksgiving with our special feasts and family let us remember to be thankful to God for this land of America which was founded upon Godly principles and has been blessed with abundance which we have richly enjoyed. In these waning years of time, we have come to see that there are forces in high places that are committed to removing God from the public arena and destroying our freedoms, tearing down the very foundation and constitution on which this beloved nation was established.

Let us pray and trust that God will preserve within His children an abiding faith that will withstand the onslaughts of the enemy of our souls. God has promised to never leave nor forsake us. In the day of persecution, He will give us words to speak. Luke 21: 14-15 says "Settle it therefore in your hearts not to meditate before what ye shall answer. For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." God is good and gracious. In everything let us give thanks to Him for His care and blessings. Pray for America that there may be an awakening and turning from its' rejection of God. And that His own people can be a light that will still shine in this dark world.

A blessed Thanksgiving to all.

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