

*From Where I Sit . . .*

## **"AND BE YE THANKFUL!"**

These words from the Apostle in Colossians 3:15 remind us of the spirit that a Christian should manifest as a response to the marvelous expression of God's care for us. *"And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful."* The thankful spirit, and expressions of thanksgiving are an integral part of our worship to God.

*Psa 100:4-5 "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

*Psa 95:1-3 "O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."*

One of the sad stories and certainly a strong learning lesson for us all is found in Luke 17:11-17 where Jesus had healed the ten lepers. When he charged them to go show themselves unto the priest, only one turned back to express thankfulness. Our Lord's query: "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?" (Verse 17) is a sobering reminder of how much we take for granted. God blesses us everyday in so many more ways than we could begin to list that we simply must develop a continual thankful spirit for all his benefits toward us.

It's good to have the reminder annually at the season of Thanksgiving as a nation that we should be thankful. His church is reminded at each worship period, and should be reminded daily in our private studies and prayer. A mother and housewife, who was ready to throw in the towel, was heard to say, "I just wish for once that my family would say 'Thank You' or 'I appreciate you.'" This is a deep human need, this need to be appreciated, and I believe it is also true of the nature of the Godhead to have this need. Not "need" in the sense that God is lacking of anything that we could supply, but in the sense that his nature yearns for his subjects to worship, praise, and appreciate Him.

I am so thankful to be given the opportunity to labor with the church at Broad Street. Kathy and I both have loved coming here. That is only the beginning of where my list could go of things to be thankful for, but I at least wanted to express that gratitude to each of you today - and to our Loving Heavenly Father who has made this fellowship possible. May you all have a wonderful holiday season of Thanksgiving. God bless you and your families! God bless this great church!

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