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Tim McMillin

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**WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?**

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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## AN EXHORTATION TO GIVE THANKS By Mark Lindley

“Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:17-18). Notice from this passage that Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to “give thanks.” This exhortation should encourage us to be thankful on Thanksgiving and on every other day of the year. This passage teaches us to...

“Give thanks.” God wants His children to “give” thanks, not merely to feel thankful. On the occasion of Luke 17, Jesus cleansed 10 lepers. However, of the 10 who were cleansed, only 1 returned to give thanks (verses 11-19).

I am confident that the 9 lepers who did not return to give thanks would have said they were thankful, but the Lord wanted them to “give” thanks, not just to feel thankful. Paul tells us how to give thanks by encouraging us to “pray without ceasing.” Our daily prayers should include our expressions of gratitude.

“Give thanks in everything.”

Notice that the scripture does not say we should be thankful “for” all things, but “in” everything. It would be unreasonable to expect Christians to be thankful “for” sickness, disease, suffering, and death. However, Christians can be thankful “in” these things. Even while suffering trials and heavy burdens, Christians can be thankful to God for His presence, His strength, His comfort, and His guidance. It is not sufficient, therefore, for Christians to be thankful in good times, but God’s people should be thankful at all times and in all circumstances of life.

“Give thanks in everything because this is the will of God.” It is God’s will that we be thankful. There is nothing more important in life than doing the Father’s will because only those who do the will of God will be saved in heaven. Jesus said, “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). Doing the will of the Father includes the exhortation to “give thanks.” It is God’s will that we be thankful, not because God needs our expressions of gratitude, but because we need to sense our dependency on God. When we pray and thank God for all the blessings He gives, we can sense our dependency on Him. We rely on God for each breath we take, the food we eat, the clothing we wear, and for innumerable other blessings, both physical and spiritual.

In view of these thoughts, Christians should “pray without ceasing” and give thanks to God in everything. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Do You Give Thanks? by: Lawrence Barr

How many countries have an official holiday called "Thanksgiving?" For all our problems, don't we have a wonderful country? And all over our nation, and right here in our community, people are sharing with others what they have. I thank God for all of this.

Did you know that "thanksgiving" is in the Bible? In 1 Corinthians 10:16, the apostle Paul says, "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (One modern translation has "thanksgiving" instead of "blessing.") He was talking of the Lord's Supper or Communion. This simple meal was eaten by the early church of God, wherever they met, every first day of the week (see Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17-32; 16:1, 2; Revelation 1:10).

### The Importance of Sharing By David Bragg

There are a number of humorous stories associated with Abraham Lincoln. One story first appeared in a February 1864 issue of *The New York Post*. It arose out of the large group of office and favor seekers that seemed to constantly follow in the President's wake wherever he went. When Lincoln was struck with the feared typhoid fever, the disease that took the Lincoln's young son Willie in 1862, he reportedly told a friend that at last he now had something "that I can give to everybody" ([www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)).

This time of year is sometimes referred to as "the season of giving." We look forward to any opportunity to giving gifts to family and friends. But as Christians we possess the most precious gift anyone can give: the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Of course its meaning is that Jesus offered his body and his blood as an eternal sacrifice, once for all time and all people, on the cross on that day at Golgotha. But as the gospel story goes, he did not remain dead in the grave, but arose on the first day of the week. Perhaps that is why the early church met together on the first day instead of on the Sabbath (Saturday) as the Jews did. It was a day of victory, the "day pertaining to the Lord (Jesus)" as the word translated "Lord's" in Rev. 1:10 and 1 Corinthians 11:20 literally means. It was a Supper that is special to the Lord on the day when He became our victorious Lord.

So what about you? Does that day, that supper, that Lord mean something to you? Do you give thanks?

Jesus' great commission to His disciples is truly "great" because it contains the ONLY hope that lost humanity has to spending an eternity with God in heaven (Matthew 28:18-20). The apostles clearly understood this, as Luke confirms in Acts 4:12: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

We must take the good news to the lost and give them the opportunity to accept. There is nothing that we can share that's more needed, and no other message as crucial as the precious and loving message Jesus placed in our hands.

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*Remember count your blessings,  
pray for our lost ones, the sick,  
the world and the broken-hearted.*

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