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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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## A "THANKSGIVING" VERSE

**Mark Lindley**

The title of this article should not be interpreted to mean that there is a verse of the Bible that refers to the holiday we call Thanksgiving. Rather, the title refers to a verse in which the apostle Paul is thanking God for the gift of Christ. Paul wrote, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Although this verse does not refer to the holiday when families get together to eat turkey, we should thank God—on Thanksgiving and every other day—for the gift of His Son, Jesus. Consider a couple of reasons we should thank the heavenly Father.

First, notice that the verse says the gift God gave is "unspeakable." The word "unspeakable" means *indescribable*. Paul is simply stating that God's gift is so wonderful, precious, and costly that it cannot be described. Words are inadequate to express the love of God which prompted Him to give the gift of His Son: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Observe that God "so loved" the world. That little two-letter word "so" is a word that is used to try to convey how much God loves the world. Can we really comprehend with our finite, limited understanding, love so matchless and marvelous that it would lead the Father to give His "only begotten son" for a world full of sin and wickedness? Such love is so perfect and pure that it boggles our minds. It should also cause us to be thankful—thankful that the Father loved us enough to give His Son.

Second, we should thank God for the gift of Jesus because apart from that gift there would be no hope of salvation or heaven. Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). Even good, moral people would be hell-bound if it were not for the sacrifice of Christ. No person can be "good enough" that he can save himself from sin. "There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). The only remedy for sin is the blood of Christ (Matthew 26:28). It is due to the shedding of the blood of Christ that we have the opportunity to obey the Gospel, have our sins washed away, and have the assurance of eternal life.

Surely, in view of God's love and the redeeming sacrifice of Christ, we should show our gratitude to the heavenly Father by obeying the Gospel and serving Him daily. Read this "thanksgiving" verse once more: "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (II Corinthians 9:15). Happy Thanksgiving!

## THIS SECT…EVERY WHERE IT IS SPOKEN AGAINST—NO. 2

**James Pilgrim**

Much more could be said than what is mentioned in these two articles. However, we shall limit this information to these two studies. Last week's bulletin looked at some things modern people say about the churches of Christ.

This is not new. Governor Porcius Festus (Acts 23:24, 26; 24:27) did not know what to write to Caesar (Acts 25:18-27, esp. verses 26, 27). Now, he suddenly has the nerve to say "with a loud voice, Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad." Literally, a raving maniac, craziness. (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, Pages, 124, 640). Paul briefly responded, "I am not mad, most noble Festus; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness." (Acts 26:25). It appears that he immediately turned back to Agrippa, saying, "For the king knoweth of these things, before whom I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him; for this thing was not done in a corner." (Acts 26:26). Having done his work well, Paul appeals to King Agrippa, to become a Christian. (Acts 26:27, 28). Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." (Verse 28). However, as the song says, "almost, but lost." One can only hope that Agrippa did obey the Gospel after thinking more about it, that, unlike Felix, he did find a convenient season. (Acts 24:25b).

Some may falsely accuse the churches of Christ of things, not knowing that what they are saying, having been falsely taught. This was true of those who crucified Jesus. They "sought false witnesses against Jesus, to put him to death. But found none: yea, though many false came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses. And said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God; and to build it in three days." (Matthew 26:59-61; Mark 14:55-59). They distorted what Jesus said. (John 2:18-22). All Jesus ever taught about rebuilding in three days was His body, speaking of His resurrection from the dead. (Matthew 12:40; Mark 8:41). Thus, Peter told those who crucified Jesus "that through ignorance ye did it." (Acts 3:12-17). He called upon them to "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,…." (Verse 19). Have you been deceived about churches of Christ? Isaiah 1:18.

One of the messages taught throughout the word of God is that there will be "false prophets also among the people…by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of." (2 Peter 2: 1-3). Sadly, unless one will study and rightly divide the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15), one may "follow their pernicious ways," their ruinous, damnable, or destructible ways. (Matthew 7:13; Philippians 3:19; 2 Peter 3:1-3, 16).

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6). Jesus also said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." (Matthew 15:7-9). One who follows Jesus will follow **the way**. Jesus teaches, "the way of God in truth." (Mark 12:14). The Holy Spirit spoke through Isaiah the prophet (Acts 28:23), saying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight….." (Luke 3:4ff). Luke 20:21 says Jesus "teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly."

Speaking of those in the synagogue, Luke said some "believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them," speaking of Paul. (Acts 19:9; Cf. 2 John 9-11). Have you noticed that there is a crystal clear difference between **"the way"** (John 14:6), and "a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."??? (Proverbs 14:12; Comp. 16:25). Be careful to obey God, and do not speak evil of **His way**. Read, believe, and follow Colossians 3:17 and 1 Peter 4:11.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Week of Thanksgiving will be

**Tuesday, November 24th**

### FIFTH SUNDAY

November 29th

**Tuesday, November 24th**

**10 AM Bible Study**
**10:45 AM Worship**
**NO MEAL**
**2:00 PM Evening Service – Young Men**

### L2LS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

***Saturday, December 5th***
***Time: 10 AM***

### HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING

**DECEMBER 6TH**

After Evening Service

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**Monday, December 7th, 2026**

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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✥**SICK SUNDAY:** Betty Derrick, Danny Shackelford

✥**IN HOSPITAL:** Kenneth Wade (Southaven), Billy McBryde, Vera Mauney (Randle's Wife)

✥**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Teresa Rhea (brain), Johnathon Ledbury (brain- Larry Wood's great-nephew), Samuel Pilgrim (hip- James & Sammie's son)

✥**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

✥**CANCER:** Craig Grisham, Lesa Franks (Melissa Hurt's Mother), Sidra Davis, Mary Ann Kirkman, Renea Roberts, Lynita Davis, Dennis Hopper, (John's Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), Harold Hankins, Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison's Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison's Niece)

✥**SHUT-INS:** ***Home:*** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael ***Tippah County Health & Rehab:*** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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