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"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6:



The President's Message

Greetings In The Name Of The Lord, Can you believe we are this close to the holiday season? Thanksgiving looms just ahead and before we know it, Christmas is upon us and we will very soon usher in a brand-new year! Although we know we are to be thankful in everything as God's Word tells us, it seems there's just something this time of year that makes us reflect at an even deeper level on all the things for which we are thankful. I have even written lists in the past to help me be sure I was remembering as many things as I could for which I am thankful, and I always tried to make the connection where I could realize the hand of God in each situation. He truly is the One responsible for all the blessings we receive, for His word said in James 1:17, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights,…" He is the One that gives us the strength to do what we do each day. We would not have what we have or be what we are without Him.

I do want to say how much we enjoyed Campmeeting 2026 this year. We had some of our ministers attend that due to distance don't always get to be with us this year. We were glad to have Brother Leo and Sister Alicia and his mother and family with us from Arkansas. As always, we appreciate Brother Joe's church attending and contributing our Thursday morning lunch. As always, Brother Joe was such a help with our music, and Sister Ashley and Sister Deborah did a great job leading the congregation in those good old gospel hymns that help to get the Spirit flowing. All the messages were on-time and anointed, and God's Spirit was felt each time we came together. A very special thanks goes to Sister Conni and the ladies in our church for providing some outstanding food and desserts after our evening services. The food and the fellowship were both very enjoyable. As I write this, we are currently attending our Fall Campmeeting at Brother Joe's church. We have been having some powerful preaching, and folks have been staying at the altar seeking the Lord. Lives are being changed as folks are being convicted and drawn closer to Him. We also are enjoying some wonderful food and fellowship before each service.

Thank you to those that have been diligent in paying their FFMA dues. The dues of our ministers and the offerings given during Campmeeting are the only support our fellowship receives for which to operate, so it's very important that these are paid.

Sister Conni and I want to wish you and your family a very Happy Thanksgiving, a wonderful and well-rested Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! We will continue to pray for you as we know you do for us. Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.

Bro. Danny Carnley
President FFMA
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Letters

Greetings Fellow Believer,

I was just sitting here praying and rehearsing this year. It has been a hard year, but GOD IS STILL GOOD, and HIS Mercies are Everlasting. A couple of months ago we lost our oldest granddaughter. She had been sick for a long time but kept coming through it. This time the Lord saw fit to let her go home. Her husband Jonathon our grandson REALLY took it hard and started drinking badly, but he's finally let up on that; thank GOD. Then just a week ago we lost a very dear friend and brother in Christ, Andrew Solomon. He had been fighting colon cancer for about three years. A few weeks ago, he caught a bad cold, or possibly covid, and he fell. His daughter called rescue and got him to the hospital, but he just kept getting weaker. He caught pneumonia and finally went on to be with the Lord. The praise report is that we have had a sister start coming. She came to a revival meeting last year. Then we had an Evangelist/ Prophet come last month and she came again. She said she would be back, and she's been coming ever since. She had been a pastor for many years and during that time was really mistreated and backstabbed by Judases. Witches troubled her church, and she fought for a long time. However, when her own son came against her, she finally quit and her husband backslid. Now she's in a healing process in our fellowship, and I feel strongly that her husband will also be restored in JESUS name.

May the Lord Bless & keep you all in HIS PERFECT PEACE :)

Brother Vickers also has this request of everyone. Please pray for pastor Ken Henderson. He's been diagnosed with colon cancer with nodules on his liver.

Bro. Richard Vickers
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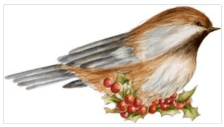

Dear Fellow Believer,

We serve God and love Him because He first loved us. Romans 5:8, says, "*But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" God has exhibited, He has shown His love in this unusual and remarkable manner. His love for us truly surpasses all that has ever been manifested among men. He loved this world, that's you and me so much that He was willing to give up His Son to save us, to save the entire world. He did it, so that we could have everlasting life with Him. How could we not love a God like that?

Yet, loving, serving, worshipping, and obeying this God comes with benefits. Even though He has provided a place called heaven where we can spend an eternity there with Him after this life, we can enjoy some of the benefits of knowing Him while we are still on this side of heaven. There are so many things for which we should be thankful. It's this time of year, when we think about the celebration of Thanksgiving that we begin to reflect on those things with which we have been so blessed. I know I am blessed beyond what I deserve. I have a beautiful and loving wife and a wonderful family and church family and some great friends to enjoy in this life. I have clothes to wear, a nice car to drive and a fine home in which to live. Even though I may have the occasional aches and pains, I have overall very good health; I can still do those things I need or want to do. For all these things and so many, many more, all the glory goes to God, for without His blessings upon me, none of these things would be.

Yet, His benefits extend beyond just the things we can see. His benefits are those things that regardless of how much we may work, or how educated we may become, we cannot attain ourselves. We find a partial list of these benefits in Psalms 103. David, having experienced all that he had and the confidence he had in the God he loved and served, could pen the words we find in this Psalms.

This Psalm was written no doubt after David had seen the hand of God intervene in a given situation—maybe some life-threatening danger. Some think that it may have been written at the end of times of captivity, or perhaps after a recovery from an illness. Regardless, it is a Psalm that serves as an excellent reminder of all the great and abundant mercies of God. It begins in verse one with the words, "*Bless the Lord, O my soul….*" David says it's not my lips that are sufficient to utter sounds whereby I want to bless my God. There must be something deeper. No mere words contain the sufficiency to give God the proper recognition and praise He should receive. God is to be served with the best we have as well as our all.

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Bless, as applied to God means to praise Him with a strong affection as well as a sense of deep and sincere gratitude. David calls upon his soul—all its faculties and powers to magnify God for His abundant mercies. He says in the latter part of this verse, "… and all that is within me, bless His holy name." David intends here that this be done with all the powers, the heart, the will, the affections and emotions. God is worthy of all praise and adoration which the entire man can render. Nothing within him should be exempt from the duty and privilege of praise.

Then David says that this praise is encouraged even more because having a relationship with this God comes with benefits. David continues with great intensity and even repeats "*Bless the Lord, O my soul…,*" but this time he adds "…and forget not all His benefits." Then he begins to list some of these benefits. These benefits come wholly from the mercy of God; no man can merit these benefits. They are many—too many to count. All these benefits that are available just for taking Him as our Lord. He truly has the best benefits package anyone can receive.

The first benefit David mentions is in verse three. "*Who forgiveth all thine iniquities…*" As we think about those things for which we are thankful, we must not forget that God still forgives. God pardons all our sins; pardons not the sin, but the sinner. David said it is a characteristic of God to pardon sin, and David had first-hand experience with God doing this for him. Notice David mentions this before any of the other benefits. This is the first benefit which calls for praise. God is a merciful God, and He has declared His willingness to pardon sin. 2 Peter 3:8, "*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*" It is God's plan and will that all be forgiven. Some things of this life we can do without; forgiveness of our sins is one thing we **can't** live without. God has so many benefits available for us, but none of those will matter unless our sins have been forgiven. Knowing that He still forgives sin should make us so very thankful—not just at Thanksgiving but at all times. Without the benefit of forgiveness, all other benefits would be null and void. David is not just talking about past sins, but should we need forgiveness in the future because of disobedience to His Word, He will forgive us for that also. 1 John 1:9 says, "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*" Ephesians 1:7 is another verse dealing with the fact God still forgives, "*In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*" The Bible contains so many other verses declaring His ability and willingness to forgive all our sin—all our iniquities. Iniquities separate us from God; forgiveness restores that closeness. Only through the blood of Christ can complete redemption for sins be found. Verse 12 of this Psalm reemphasizes this same thought, "*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*" Micah 7:9 says, "*He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*" Verse 10 of Psalms 103 lets us know we don't deserve forgiveness; we don't deserve God's mercy*, but David reminds us here, "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities."*

The latter part of verse three says, "*…who healeth all thy diseases.*" He heals all our sicknesses, all our infirmities. God can and will heal anything that may be considered an infirmity or weakness that may come against this body. There are several verses regarding God's ability and power to heal. Isaiah 53:5 says, "…*by His stripes, ye are healed.*" Exodus 15:26 says, "…*For I am the Lord that healeth thee.*" God's power to heal is still available today. He's still in the business of healing His people. Knowing that we can receive the miracle of healing from God is a huge benefit for those with a relationship with Him.

David goes on to reveal another benefit. He says He redeems his life from destruction and crowns him with lovingkindness and tender mercies. He saves us when we are exposed to danger. Psalms 91:3, "*Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence.*" Psalms 34:7 tells us, "*The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.*"

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Verse 17 of that same chapter says, *"The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles."* These are just a few of the hundreds of verses promising the deliverance of God's people. He crowns him with lovingkindness and tender mercies. Again, reemphasizing the mercy of God. He tells of all the spiritual blessings which flow from the lovingkindness and tender mercy of God.

Another of the benefits listed here is that He satisfies thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. By God's provision, the saint retains a youthful vigor like the eagles. Even in our old age, God can still renew our spiritual strength. Isaiah says, *"...they shall mount up with wings as eagles."* God forgives, He heals, He redeems, and He satisfies. What wonderful benefits for which to give thanks this holiday season. What a glorious opportunity this Thanksgiving to thank God not only for His blessings, but also for His benefits.

May God Richly Bless You,
Brother Danny
Milton, FL





THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM
I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)
I belong to God
Do you know
Who you are?



A Christmas Story

In 1994, two Americans answered an invitation from the Russian Department of Education to teach in Russia. They were invited to teach at many places including a large orphanage. About 100 boys and girls who had been abandoned, abused, and left in the care of a government-run program were in the orphanage.

The two Americans relate the following story in their own words: It was nearing the holiday season, 1994, time for our orphans to hear, for the first time, the traditional story of Christmas. We told them about Mary and Joseph arriving in Bethlehem. Finding no room in the inn, the couple went to a stable, where the baby Jesus was born and placed in a manger.

Throughout the story, the children and orphanage staff sat in amazement as they listened. Some sat on the edges of their stools, trying to grasp every word. Completing the story, we gave the children three small pieces of cardboard to make a crude manger. Each child was given a small paper square, cut from yellow napkins I had brought with me. No colored paper was available in the city. Following instructions, the children tore the paper and carefully laid strips in the manger for straw. Small squares of flannel were cut and became a worn-out nightgown and a baby's blanket. A doll-like baby was cut from tan felt we had brought from the United States.

The orphans were busy assembling their manger as I walked among them to see if they needed any help. All went well until I got to one table where little Misha sat. He looked to be about 6 years old and had finished his project. As I looked at the little boy's manger, I was startled to see not one, but two babies in the manger. Quickly, I called for the translator to ask the lad why there were two babies in the manger

Crossing his arms in front of him and looking at this completed manger scene, the child began to repeat the story very seriously. For such a young boy, who had only heard the Christmas story once, he related the happenings accurately --until he came to the part where Mary put the baby Jesus in the manger. Then Misha started to ad-lib. He made up his own ending to the story as he said, "And when Maria laid the baby in the manger, Jesus looked at me and asked me if I had a place to stay. I told him I have no mamma and I have no papa, so I don't have any place to stay. Then Jesus told me I could stay with him. But I told him I couldn't, because I didn't have a gift to give him like everybody else did. But I wanted to stay with Jesus so much, so I thought about what I had that maybe I could use for a gift. I thought maybe if I kept him warm, that would be a good gift. So I asked Jesus, "If I keep you warm, will that be a good enough gift?" And Jesus told me, "If you keep me warm, that will be the best gift anybody ever gave me." "So I got into the manger, and then Jesus looked at me and he told me I could stay with him for always."

As little Misha finished his story, his eyes brimmed full of tears that splashed down his little cheeks. Putting his hand over his face, his head dropped to the table and his shoulders shook as he sobbed and sobbed. The little orphan had found someone who would never abandon nor abuse him, someone who would stay with him FOR ALWAYS.

It's not WHAT you have in your life, but WHO you have in your life that counts.





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Church Chuckles

✞ A daddy was listening to his child say his prayer "Dear Harold," ..... At this, dad interrupted and said, "Wait a minute, "How come you called God, Harold? The little boy looked up and said, "That's what they call Him in church. You know the prayer we say, "Our Father, who art in Heaven, Harold be Thy name."

✞ *A little boy opened the big family bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.*
"Mama, look what I found", the boy called out.
"What have you got there, dear"?
With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered,
"I think it's Adam's underwear!"

✞ A little boy was saying his bedtime prayers with his mother:
"Lord, bless Mommy and Daddy, and God, GIVE ME A NEW BICYCLE!!!"
Mom: "God's not deaf, son.
Boy: "I know, Mom, but Grandma's in the next room, and she's hard of hearing!

✞ *A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him in front of the service station. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.*
"Reverend," said the young man, "sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."
The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."