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Revelation 11:17, “*Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.*”

This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. It’s a holiday in the United States where everyone is encouraged to pause and give thanks for the many blessings we have. It’s usually a day with a huge meal and family gatherings.

Certainly we as children of God need to be thankful everyday. Thankfulness is a common theme in the Bible. The word “thanks” or some form of it is found in 100 verses of the King James Bible.

The first time is in Leviticus 7:12, “*If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.*” This passage dealt with the Israelites and their offering of thanks to the LORD. Their thanksgiving, as ours, had food surrounding it. I feel this perhaps reminded them of how the LORD had always blessed them with

food.

We too are to give thanks for food. Paul wrote in I Timothy 4:3-5, “*3Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. 4For every creature of God [is] good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.*”

He was warning of groups to come that would forbid marriage and command not to eat certain meats. Under the old law, they could not eat certain foods. This restriction was removed with the New Testament. Paul tells us that every creature is good, and not to be refused, if it’s received with thanksgiving. Any food is sanctified by God’s word and prayer. When we pray for our food, we are sanctifying it. Never eat a meal without giving thanks unto the LORD.

Not only are we blessed with food in abundance and choices of good food, but it’s always available. We can go to the grocery and find most anything we want in stock. We don’t just simply go and find bread, but there are all types of bread. The abundance is beyond what many people of other places and times could not imagine.

We do give thanks for our food, but let’s also give thanks for our abundant water. Many live in places where there is little to no water. What water is available is not healthy. We can simply go to a faucet and choose hot or cold and, for all practical purposes, it’s unlimited. The LORD has truly poured out His blessings upon us.

We have electricity that is reliable and almost never off. Along with the electricity, we have appliances that can use the electricity. We have heating and cooling, stoves and microwaves to cook our food, and refrigerators to preserve and freeze food. We have televisions to entertain us and lights to let us work into the night. Most everyone

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News

—Continue to remember **Jean Coffey, Alice Thrasher, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Shirley Parson, Erin Davis and Leon Seaton.**

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has a cell phone that lets us communicate instantly with others anywhere in the world. We have Internet that brings the world knowledge to us.

It's interesting that Jesus called the young ruler rich, yet he had none of these things. The abundance he had was in the material possessions of that day. If Jesus called him rich, what are we? We truly are beyond rich.

Do not feel bad that we have such abundance. We are told in I Timothy 6:17, "*Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy.*" Let's enjoy what the LORD has given us, but not trust in the wealth. Let's use the abundance we are blessed with to help others and spread the gospel.

Not only do we have all these material things in abundance, but most of all we have the gospel. We have access to the word of God like never before in the history of man. There are printed copies of the Bible easily available. Anyone with a computer or smart phone has access to the Bible.

Not only does one have access to the text of the Bible, but there are multiple ways to listen to the Bible. Many are free with basic Internet access. The Bible has never been so readily available. This is something we certainly need to give thanks for.

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Sunday, November 11, 2018		
Classes	27	Hebrews 7:4-16
Preaching	31	Ephesians 6:10-17
Contribution	\$1361.00	
Evening	13	Matthew 4:12-25
Wednesday, November 14, 2018		
Classes	n/a	Psalms 147 - Online service due to icy conditions

Nov 11 (AM) Mark, Zack & Jacob Stevens (New Market, Alabama); Matt Choate (Huntsville, AL)

Visitors—

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Bible Quiz

The LORD tells the number of what and calls them what?

Last Week's Answer—Gold (I Chronicles 18:7)

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This Thursday (and everyday) when you offer thanks, think not only of the food before you. Think of all the LORD has poured out upon us to give us good and comfortable lives. Most of all give thanks for what He has given us so we can be eternally saved in Heaven.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)