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II Timothy 4:4-5, “*For 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.*”

This Thursday our nation celebrates a national holiday, Thanksgiving. It’s a day set aside years ago to remember from whence all our blessings come and to give thanks. Of course we are to always have this spirit of thanksgiving and to continually give thanks for what we have.

We can divide our blessings into two categories— spiritual and material. I’ll look at the material first because that is what most will be focused on this Thursday.

Food. We have food in abundance. Food is so much in abundance that a very high percentage of our nation suffers from being overweight. There are others who have lived and even today could never imagine being overweight. There was simply not the food available for them to eat.

If we want something to eat, there is most likely something in the

cabinets or refrigerator. It might not be exactly what we want, but it’s available, clean, and nutritious. Other people even now would love to have access to our cabinets and refrigerator for the food contained therein.

If we don’t have something at home to eat, it’s only a short drive to the grocery or a restaurant. I’m always amazed at the selection of groceries in the store. If you go to a rather large grocery and want bread, the choices are overwhelming. There is not only regular bread, but bread of so many grains, flavors, etc. The choice truly is overwhelming.

Not only do we have this choice of food, but we have been blessed with the funds to purchase the food. Years ago, we lived much more off the land. In my life, we produced our own meat and produce, but now that we do not, there is still abundance. Probably not one of us can say we have truly been hungry.

Water. When giving thanks, I think we often focus upon the food we have and maybe not give as much thought as to how wonderful the blessing of clean water is. Water is brought to our houses by pipes and we simply turn on a faucet to get hot or cold or some mixture thereof. So many in the world even today do not have access to clean water. It’s something we need to always be thankful for.

Other. Beyond the basics of food and water, we have abundant clothing, comfortable houses, and much more that makes our lives convenient and even more enjoyable. We have access to instant communication with cell phones and the Internet. Automobiles are so much more reliable and comfortable than when I was young.

The list can go on, but it only takes a moment of reflection to realize how blessed we are. We have so much, that most of us pay a monthly fee to have our excess hauled away—garbage collection.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke & Richard Connolly.** **Larry Compton** continues to

recover from eye surgery. Some sight is beginning to return. **Grace & A. J. Riffle** have been quite sick but have been fever free for the past few days.

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Our material blessings pale in comparison to our spiritual blessings. The spiritual blessings we have are only for those in the LORD. Ephesians 1:3, “*Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ.*” We see from this verse that all spiritual blessings are in Christ. If one is out of the LORD there are no spiritual blessings.

There are so many spiritual blessings to talk about that space here does not permit such a discussion. But, consider a few.

Salvation. The forgiveness of our sins is the greatest blessing of all. The opportunity to be saved was bought by Jesus’s death upon the cross. There is no way we could have been able to avoid being eternally lost without His precious blood shed for us.

Only Jesus can provide this freedom. Revelation 1:18, “*I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*” Jesus was dead, but is now forever alive. He has the keys of hell and death. He is the only one that can free us from that eternal destiny.

Heaven. The older I get the more I think about the blessings in Heaven. Just reading Revelation 21 and 22 makes me more eager with each passing day to be with the LORD eternally.

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Sunday, November 14, 2021		
Classes	9	Matthew 8:23-34
Preaching	13	Mark 10:35-11:2
Contribution	\$758.26	
Evening	11	Genesis 12:1-20
Wednesday, November 17, 2021		
Classes	4	Psalms 81:1-16

Nov 14 (AM) Mark & Jacob Stevens (New Market, Alabama); Matt Choate (Huntsville, AL)
Visitors—
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Bible Quiz

The LORD said to open thy mouth wide and He would do what?

Last Week’s Answer— The LORD’s face (Psalm 80:3, 7, 19)

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Other. There are so many more spiritual blessings we could list—the Bible freely available to us, the freedom to freely worship, prayer that lets us come before the LORD, and so many more. This Thursday, and everyday, give thanks not only for our physical blessings, but the spiritual blessings that permit us to be with the LORD eternally 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)