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Thanksgiving

These words of former United States President Abraham Lincoln could have easily been written today: *"We have been the recipients of the choicest blessings of heaven. We have been preserved these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown; but we have forgotten God! We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."*

As we approach the Thanksgiving Day Holiday, I am reminded that thanksgiving for the Apostle Paul was not a once-a-year celebration, but a daily reality that changed his life and made him a joyful person in every situation. Nothing turns individuals into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.

Your Always Thankful Pastor,

Paul

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad (thankful) in it."
Psalm 118:24*