

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Newsletter

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Changing Lives from the Inside Out

Happy Thanksgiving

I try to be thankful every day and remember to tell God some of the many things I am thankful for. It is too easy to forget to thank God for a while and form a habit of taking His loving mercy for granted. So over the years making that kind of mistake I learned it is not a good thing not show one's self to be thankful for every breath we take daily. I heard a prayer many time simply thanking God for a person waking up in the morning in their right mind with their mind set on Him. Good prayer!

Many people have a family meal together and as they go around the table before the meal each person tells something they are thankful for, this should be easy for a child of God who recognizes through each day how God blesses us in so many ways. Non-believers seem to take a lot of the good that comes from God as a coincidence or luck, unfortunately until people realize how wonderful the grace and mercy of God is in our daily lives they will continue to not give God the glory, honor, and praise He deserves.

Of course it is nice to have a day specially for being thankful, but like other holidays Thanksgiving see to be mostly gathering the family for a really nice meal, leaving out the thought of being thankful and Who it is one needs to be thankful toward. I enjoy

a family gathering as much as anyone maybe more than some, and the idea of a good meal is always appealing to me. I just try to help my family remember how God's love is allowing us to gather for this time together.

Each holiday I try to celebrate in a way to increase my appreciation for God in the holiday. As I do this especially with my friends and family I try to make a point with any one who does not know Jesus to share His love with them. God has been so good to me through my many rebellious years, even as I paid consequences for my rebellious spirit God showed me mercy. In this I learned the love of God and the fact He wanted me to show other this same love, even those who I considered my enemies. Being a person brought up not to turn the other cheek, it was very hard for me to show patience for people showing any aggression toward me. Again God was patient with me and while in prison it was extremely difficult to listen to the threats and loud mouth people trying to present themselves tough. God showed me a lot of the were just scared and trying to put up a front. While other's were bullies trying to intimate others to make they feel superior. However God allowed me to stand my ground and not to engage in physical conformation

even if it made me look less forceful to other around me. I feel this humbling God brought to me, my had thought process from a life of sin, my language and showing His love to people I do not like has been a great blessing for me. With my salvation which I did not deserve, and how God is transforming me my the renewing of my mind to like Jesus. Rom.12:2 "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Like Paul once said comparing himself as the chief of sinners. I have much to be thankful for all year around. I have much further to go so I am thankful God will be with men every step of the way since He promised He will never leave me.

Why not try to spend a little time each day remembering things to thank God for. Col. 3:17 "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." With the world around us seemly falling apart we certainly need to thank the Father for His Son and the Holy Spirit sent to live in us.

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I pray you will have a blessed Christmas putting Jesus first.

11 "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things." 1 Corinthians 13:11-12 Maybe this verse does not seem to fit in the article but I remember growing in maturity as a Christian putting aside childish ideas. Like the Easter bunny, the tooth fairy, Santa providing toys for the entire world all in one night and ever using a chimney as a means to deliver the toys

no matter how large the toys were.

When I was a child as I was told these false statements from my parents and I came into the presents of older children who no longer believed this statements I was made fun of as were the other children who were told the same thing from their well meaning parents. Of course each of us went home and ask our parents, who we trusted, about this discrepancy

and eventually we found out these things were false. Now how much would a child now trust in one's parents after finding out these things they grew up believing were false.

So when the child starts church and he or she is told about Jesus and that He died for our sin and then He rose again. Will this child believe this or thin this is just another fairy tail. As I think back as a child of God now I

would rather: "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 I would explain the stories about these children's fairy tails but explain they were just something to tell children when they were young. I know I sound out of touch to some of you reading this, but the way the world is today, I feel children need to know the truth about Jesu from the beginning of their understanding.

I Was Glad!

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Ps. 122:1

King David wrote this beautiful Psalm for a number of reasons. I'd like to attempt to explain four of them in this short article. First of all, he understood that it was a great **Privilege** for him to go to a common gathering place to honor God Almighty, who had rescued and forgiven him time and time again. A God who had blessed his nation, Israel, numerous times throughout history.

Next, it gave David a sense of pride to be a part of a group of grateful worshippers gathered together to sing songs of **Praise** to the one and only true and living God. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Their admiration was a deep-rooted tribute; not the shallow selfish songs we sometimes hear from our popular cultural singers in today's world. These songs of praise originated from the very

soul of God—fearing men and women. Their praise boiled out forming a well—spring that honored their Creator and not the creation. They truly *"entered into God's gates with thanksgiving in their hearts and into his courts with praise!"*

After this wonderful preparation was laid, the worshippers were ready to commune with Almighty God in humble reverent fear known as **Prayer**. The privilege of knowing God, coupled with the heart—felt praise they rendered to him laid the foundation whereby they could now surrender themselves and cry out to him to meet their needs, desires, and other necessary requirements they had for themselves or for others. They were all of one mind, and they worshipped together, because they knew from experience and testimony that the God they served was a living God who would

listen to their cries and pleas for help and supply all their needs according to his riches in glory. The experience they shared together in true worship came from their spirit since they understood that *"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in Truth."*

Finally, when they worshipped in this manner they were filled with **Peace**. Why? Because we serve a triune God made up of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All in one and one in all. His name is above all names. His name is Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Why? Because God's Holy Word is Truth and states plainly that; *"the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."* Jesus said, *"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to*

you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Paul writes; *"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."*

"Father, I have no words to actually describe your wonder and greatness. Thank you for salvation and the peace I know in my heart by serving you—Amen."

T.J. Blackfeather

If you have something you would like to add for the Newsletter please send it to use and we will se if it fits our needs.

Some of the many ways to worship God always with all of our heart.

²³ Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. ²⁴ Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. ²⁵ For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised; He is also to be feared above all gods. ²⁶ For all the gods of the peoples are idols, But the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷ Honor and majesty are before Him; Strength and gladness are in His place. ²⁸ Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. ²⁹ Give to the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! ³⁰ Tremble before Him, all the earth. The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved. ³¹ Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; And let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." ¹ Chronicles 16:23-31

²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:23-24

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2

²² So Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. ¹ Samuel 15:22

Not this way: ¹³ Therefore the Lord said: "Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths And honor Me with their Lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men, Isaiah 29:13

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12:28-29

¹ Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! ² Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. ³ Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. ⁴ Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. ⁵ For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations. Psalms 100

⁸ And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve." Luke 4:8

⁹ Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. Psalms 96:9

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷ And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father

through Him. Colossians 3:16-17

⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. ⁷ For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Psalms 95:6-7

²⁰ Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. ²¹ And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." Job 1:20-21

¹³ And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

These are just some of the verses in the Bible which speak of ways to worship God. I feel some of today's Christians might not be taking their worship of God as serious as needed. With the end drawing closer daily and with so many lost people still in the World are we truly seeking the Lord in our prayers with all of our hearts. If not let's start to do that today. God bless.

Prayer request for these two outreaches.

Prayer for the Bible Readers Outreach Ministries; for their financial support, for the health of those doing the work, for the ministry to bring people to Jesus.

Pray for the volunteers going into the prisons we minister in. Pray for mover inmates signing up for the Bible studies and souls to be saved.

Pray for the editors who edit the newsletters and all important letters and for the man who takes care of updates into the Web site and other computer issues

Pray for the ministry board their health, their walk with God, the sacrifice they make to look after this ministry and see we are always accountable to all.

This is the update for Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry and Bible Readers Outreach Ministry for the months of Non/Dec 2024

Bible Readers Outreach Ministries:

In August 2025 we mailed 260 Bible lessons, enrolled 24 new students, mailed 10 Bibles cost of \$204.63, 8 Bible dictionaries/Concordances at \$121.63, 3 Old testament Vernon McGee concordances at \$63.35; Misc. office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$106.71 and Stamps \$649.74 for a total of \$1146.06

In Sept 2025 we mailed out 256 Bible lessons, enrolled 14 new students, mailed 12 Bibles cost of \$241.41, 5 Bible dictionaries/Concordances at \$66.10, 1 Old testament Vernon McGee concordance at \$18.91; Misc. office materials (paper, envelopes, ink, cardstock) \$227.67 and Stamps \$120.54 for a total of \$674.63

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry Pen Pal Outreach:

In Aug. 2025 I wrote 56 letter and received 17 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . New volunteers to write inmates. None

In Sept. 2025 I wrote 50 letter and received 13 new request during that month for volunteer pen pal . New volunteers to write inmates. Two volunteers

I have no Hispanic volunteers to respond to those request. I had a friend write a generic response stating we have no Hispanic volunteer. Are you interested?

Please keep both divisions of this ministry in your prayers. Since I send the letter to be edited and give the editors time to edit I go back a few months so we can get an accurate count and not have to wait until the last day to add the month before the newsletter goes out.

You're Always There For Me

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain,
You nourish, heal and cleanse me
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of Joy and Bliss
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers
You hear my every plea,
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

Something to Think About!

God created the world
Christ died so we could live.
He gave, instead of taking
We take but do not give.

Jesus begged His Father above Him
With his dying breath,
To forgive his executioner's
Who put him to torture and death.

Really are we so different
From those who took his life,
Just take a look around you
In our world so full of strife.

Christ dies for loving and sharing
That he cared was His great sin,
Yet today countless are dying
For their land or color of skin.

Why do we go on hating?
Hurting and killing each other,
How long will it take to realize
Christ died for us my brother.

God How I Love My Savior, Jesus
Christ

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To establish and strengthen the Christian life of inmates and their families by providing opportunities for worship, instruction, nurturing of children, fellowship, service, mutual aid, brotherly counsel, and to establish and strengthen the Christian life of evangelism. To bring the Gospel to the unsaved and to lead them to faith in Christ followed by membership in the body of Christ.

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