



Pastor's Message

“What am I grateful for?” Most likely, this is the question we ask and think about this month as Thanksgiving Day approaches. To answer that question, we usually start with people and things, such as family, friends, food, clothes, etc. Yet even as we remember the many ways God has taken care of us, it seems there’s always something more we’re waiting on for God to provide, doesn’t it?

What do you lack? With that question, a list of items is already running through our head, and probably the list gets longer when we compare what we have with things that are newer, better, or bigger than ours, and ourselves with those who are smarter, prettier, or stronger than us. I once heard a very good question, and there was truth in it. The question is: “If you define yourself by things that you own or the people you are associated with, when you lose them, then who are you?” Please don’t get me wrong. There’s nothing wrong with having an awareness of our present needs, of course. Yet too often we allow them to become the focus of our lives. The result is that our hearts become blind to the amazing blessings that we never lose and are far greater than anything in this world. That is the provision of God Himself; His constant presence in both good and hard times, and the relationship with Him that goes through all eternity.

Again, “What am I grateful for?” To answer that question, let’s lift up our hearts to see above and beyond things in this world so that the eyes of our hearts may see the Lord who is the very source of our existence, and gives Himself to us; His life in exchange for ours. With that fact alone, friends, no matter what we lack this side of eternity, we always have reason to give thanks to the Lord at all times.

“Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD. I will be joyful in God my Savior.” (Habakkuk 3:17-18)

With a grateful heart for Jesus Christ,

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