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An Attitude of Thanksgiving©

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Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. Psalms 100:4 KJV

Psalms 100:4 tell us to enter His gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise.... (KJV). The message says it this way: Enter with the password: "Thank you! make yourselves at home, talking praise..." The Thanksgiving Day traditionally is the day we pause to give thanks but for Christians, *everyday* should be a day of thanksgiving.

Being thankful does not come naturally for most of us; our circumstances tend to determine whether we feel like being thankful. Thankfulness for most of us, is the choice between a good and a bad attitude, which do you choose? Perhaps the following thoughts will help with your choice...

*"An attitude of thanksgiving acknowledges that there is increase in our lives apart from our own efforts or abilities."*Kenneth Hagen

"For what I have received, may the Lord make me truly thankful. And more truly for what I have not received." Storm Jameson

"As you practice gratitude this month, give thanks not only for what you have but also for what you have escaped." Oprah Winfrey

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving Day, let it be the beginning of a new season of gratitude. Ask God to help you have an attitude of gratitude, one day at a time. All it takes is a decision to begin today to express your appreciation to God for His grace and His mercy.

If you find that you have ceased to have a thankful attitude, it's time to stop and make an appreciation list. Take a moment and reflect upon the things in your life that you appreciate having, imagine your life without these things... Bible, use of your limbs, a sound mind, music, television, telephone, shelter, food, a spouse, a child, a grandchild, friends, a job, a car, gas, working appliances, reclining chair, etc. Include the big and the small things for which you are genuinely thankful. Then do as David *"I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds"*(Psalms 9:1); review, recite, and update this list periodically, especially when you find yourself without a thankful attitude and allow the blessings from God to uplift and encourage your heart. Amen.

HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR JOURNEY WITH CHRIST?

Our purpose in this article and daily scriptures is to encourage a heart-to-heart relationship with God. If you do not know God in a personal way, we invite you to make the first step today to receive God's love and the salvation that only Jesus Christ can give. Here are five steps you can take to receive salvation:

1. Recognize you are a sinner and need salvation. The Bible tells us "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23).
2. Repent of your sins. Sin separates us from God. By confessing your sins and turning from them you are forgiven. The Bible says: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9).
3. Believe in Jesus. God sent His Son to die so that He could pay for all our sins. The Bible says: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life: (John 3:16).
4. Receive His Salvation. Jesus Christ is a gift you must receive and welcome to live in your heart. He promises: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God: (John 1:12).
5. Confess your belief verbally. The Bible assures "If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved: (Rom. 10:9).

You now have been born again! Tell some else your good news and connect yourself with a church home as soon as possible. God Bless and Keep You!

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September

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Meet and Discuss. Left To Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwanda Holocaust!
by: **Immaculee Ilibaqiza**

September 4, 2008 – Meet to pick-up books

September 11, 2008 – Commence Discussion

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. @ Panera Breads

Rev. Doris B. Ryans' Ordination Service

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Ecorse, Michigan

Friday, November 7, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Doris B. Ryans' Preaching Engagement

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Ecorse, Michigan

Sunday, November 9, 2008 @ 10:50 a.m.

Rev. Doris B. Ryans' Workshop Presenter

Calvary District Workshop/Retreat "Speak to My Heart"

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Ecorse, Michigan

Saturday, November 15, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m.

Rev. Doris B. Ryans' Preaching Engagement

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Ecorse, Michigan

Wednesday, December 3, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Doris B. Ryans' Preaching Engagement

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Ecorse, Michigan

Wednesday, December 17, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

2009

Save the Date – 3rd Women's Retreat

"A Call to Finish Well"

Place: TBA

February 6-7, 2009

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