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Happy Thanksgiving!



We thank you Lord for the smells of Thanksgiving for family, and friends, good conversations and laughter.

We thank you Lord for safety and comfort, a place to rest our feet and to lay our head.

As we celebrate and give you thanks for the many blessings we enjoy, please help us be a blessing to a hurting soul.

Lord you have given us the ability to see and feel. Let us feel our way to someone needing a reason to be thankful this Thanksgiving Season.
Sheila Green

Jesus loved us this much!



Are we ready to thank Him in the same way?

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The Dove Affect

*“Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves”
Matthew 10:16*



Jesus used four creatures as an illustration to teach us how to live. Each has great significance. Sheep are timid and gentle. They are quite intelligent, yet without a shepherd many often stray away, and get lost or are devoured by other animals. Wolves are highly intelligent and often hunt in packs. They target vulnerable prey, typically the elderly, diseased and the young. Rank is demonstrated through agonistic behavior such as facial expressions and posture. Snakes are very perceptive of their environment. And the dove is gentle by nature. Doves are a symbol of peace, hope, and love.

Those of us who have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior are His sheep. Even though we have been

sent out into the world, we still know His voice and He continues to lead us. As long as we continue to follow after Jesus the ravenous wolves, which are symbolic of people who would rather see us destroyed, will not harm us. People today are becoming more self-indulgent and prideful. The concern is self-preservation and self-promotion. This turns a society into wolves seeking to prey on the weak. Today the elderly are being attacked in larger numbers. There is little empathy for people with mental illness and little tolerance of those with disabilities. Our youth have become transformed into easy targets because of drugs, and high tech distractions of ipods, and cell phones. They lack the

motivation to receive instruction and this makes them vulnerable. With their attention diverted, they do not have the ability to sense the danger of the wolves.

Jesus told us how to live in this present darkness, how to react when co-workers seek rank and power at our expense. When businesses act as pack hunters seeking to protect their investment at all cost, which will mean at our lost. In a time when you will not find justice in the legal system unless you can pay top dollar. He said for us to be wise as serpents. Be aware that deception is growing, that hearts are growing colder. But, be perceptive to know that the Spirit of the Lord is right there with you. In knowing this you have nothing to fear. You can live as sons and daughters of the King with confidence that the wolves will not devour you. You can be harmless as a dove.

As sons and daughters of the King of kings, and Lord of lords you have a keen since of awareness that because God is for you “who can be against you”? No weapon formed

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Visiting the Past

Everyone knows about the first Thanksgiving. The colonists of Plymouth along with Indian Chiefs Massassolt, Squanto, and Samoset came together for three days of feasting. But did you know that the first Thanksgiving proclamation was signed by George Washington on Oct 3,

1789. “The decree appointed the day ‘to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God.’ This proclamation represented the first Thanksgiving observance by the new National Government. It set aside Thursday, November 26 as ‘A Day of Public Thanksgiving and Prayer’ Unlike today, Thanksgiving

Day over two hundred years ago was a day set aside for prayer and fasting.”

The day was changed to the 4th Tuesday by President Abraham Lincoln and twice by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, first to the 3rd Thursday to extend the Christmas shopping season and boost the economy, to the day we now celebrate.

Voices from Prison

Please do not forget to pray for people behind bars, the men and women that guard them and the families waiting for the inmates to return home.

"I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me no clothing, I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me." Matthew 25:43 (NLT)

"Please pray for me and my children and help me get into treatment and get my life on the right track. Please tell God that I need Him and that I really wanna change my life for the better. Ask Him to teach me to do His will. Please don't let this letter go unanswered." Carmen

"I received not only a letter from you, but a letter and pictures from my sister and kids today!" Jamie



"I won't have anywhere to stay until I'm able to get a job. I do not have a driver's license and never did. And I wanted to see if anyone could help me obtain that. I'm 19 years old." Jan

"It is not easy for me up in here, but I keep trying. God has done a lot for me, he made me look at life differently." Dee

"I want to be a good mother to my children, in order to do that I've got to live responsibly, living responsibly dictates that I have a job in order to provide for them. That's a start, right?" Joan

"I wish to learn all that will help me in the years to come." Joy

"And he (Jesus) will answer, 'I assure you, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'" Matt 25:45 (NLT)

A great way you can thank God for the many blessings He has given you is to become a pen pal.

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Inspiration Today

This is the time of year when sadness overtakes many lonely souls. The question often asked - what do I have to be thankful for? Let the words from the Book of Zephaniah comfort you. You are loved. "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

The Dove Affect

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against you shall prosper. You do not have to let out your claws to attack viciously. You do not have to be protective of your territory, or fight for your honor, because the battle is the Lord's. Your gift to the world is to: be a messenger of peace, praying for those who despitefully use you; share the reason for your hope and your confidence in the promises of God; demonstrate the same love that Christ has for us.

If you find yourself surround by wolves, stand firm. Let your confidence in the Lord grow so that you can be at peace. It is the love of God and your love for God that will see you through.

Peace, Hope, and Love

Faith in Action?

Recently I posted a question on Yahoo Groups. I did not know what to expect since it was my first time. I received some very interesting responses. The question was: **Is it important to get off the pew and share your faith with hurting people?**

The following are some of the responses:
"If you have faith in hurting people, I'd prefer you stay on the pew."
"If you get faith from hurting people you have far more important things to worry about then stepping off inanimate objects."
"The last thing hurting people need to hear is that they're going to hell."



"Yes, working together to help one another is the true definition of church. It is not just a building, despite what the idiot bureaucrats in Riverside County, CA believe."

"Yes, that's what they are suppose to be doing in the first place."

I imagined that the responses would have been more from Christians, but

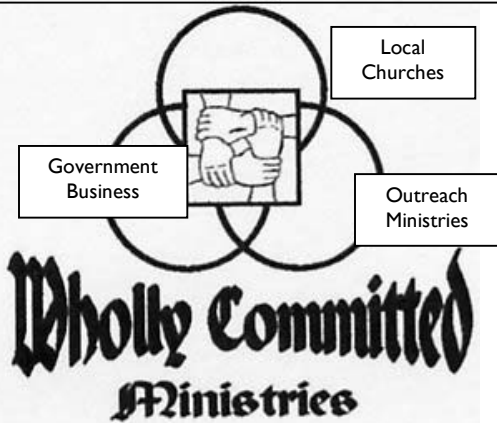
it turned out to be an opportunity for non-Christians to voice their opinions about our behavior.

What do we do in our daily lives after sitting in a Sunday church service? Are we harsh and unkind? Are we ruthless in business? Are we representing an accurate picture of a follower of Christ? Are we leading people to Christ or making them not want to have anything to do with Jesus?

We have a message of hope to give to all that will listen. Jesus came to bring life in its fullness on earth and the gift of eternal life. Hurting people need to hear this message. They need to experience the love of Christ through our actions.

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Many are in need of hope



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Opportunities are waiting For you!

*Please consider becoming a
volunteer, a sponsor, a partner with
Wholly Committed Ministries*

*We are walking with people through
the challenging times of life,
one step at a time.*

*We can accomplish great things
together!*

**Totally, completely and wholly
committed to live as Christ**

His Faithful Love Endures Forever

- ☞ Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to the God of gods. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to the Lord of lords. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to him who placed the earth on the water. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights- His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ the sun to rule the day, His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ and the moon and stars to rule the night. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ He remembered our utter weakness. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ He saved us from our enemies. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ He gives food to every living thing. His faithful love endures forever.
- ☞ Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.

Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26 (NLT)

To our readers,

The distribution of our newsletter goes out to over 400 people that span a diverse cross section of people groups. We are very thankful, first to God for blessing us with the opportunity to share with so many. And we thank you for allowing us into your home, and for others, your jail cell.

*Our purpose is **not** to slap down on the table the top 10 “you’re going to hell if you do list”. It is to share the wonderful news that God is in the renewal business not the disposal business. Jesus cares for us and has promised us eternal life if we choose to follow him. 2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) **“The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise to return as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent.”** Jesus does not intrude in our lives, he does not go where he is not wanted. After this life we are going somewhere. By choosing Christ while you live on earth you will be with him in eternity. But, by not choosing Christ on earth you will be separated from him and all goodness for an eternity. The message is simple, loving, and pressing. Choose this day whom you will serve.*

We desire to pattern our lives after Jesus, to live out his message of love. We hope each edition of our newsletter will inspire you to read the Bible and seek out the truth within its cover. We pray that the articles will encourage you in times of testing to continue trusting in the Lord. And we seek to inform you of the many opportunities to actively participate in the building of the Kingdom of God. We are God’s hands and feet.

*May God bless you this Thanksgiving Season
Wholly Committed we are.*