

“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).

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THANKSGIVING

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Thanksgiving Day is observed the fourth Thursday in November as a legal holiday in the United States to commemorate the feast held at Plymouth in 1621 by the Pilgrim colonists and members of the Wampanoag people, and is marked by the giving of thanks to God for harvest and health. Did you know the Bible talks about thanksgiving?

1) **THANKSGIVING IS A COMMAND.** Paul commanded the Colossians, *“be ye thankful”* (Col. 3:15). The commands of the Bible are to be heeded as John recorded, *“Blessed are they that do his commandments”* (Rev. 22:14). To not be thankful is to disobey!

2) **THANKSGIVING WAS A TRAIT OF THE LORD.** Jesus often expressed thanksgiving as Mark 8:6 says, *“and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks”*. We need to learn to *“follow his steps”* and be thankful (1 Pet. 2:21).

3) **THANKSGIVING IS TO BE OFFERED ALWAYS.** We must not relegate thanksgiving to just one day out of the year, but *“Giving thanks always for all things unto God”* (Eph. 5:20). As the Lord’s people, we have so much to be thankful for!

As the Lord asked, *“where are the nine?”* (Lk. 17:17), ingratitude is the order of the day. We must be thankful.

IF THERE’S NOTHING IN A NAME

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When it comes to the name we wear religiously, many think it makes no difference what name we wear — there’s nothing in a name. If this is your thinking, please answer the following questions:

1) Why were some names changed in the Bible? If a name is of no significance, why did God say, *“Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee”* (Gen. 17:5)?

2) Why did the wise man say, *“A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold”* (Prov. 22:1)? Would you rather have a good name or a bad name?

3) Is a family name important to you? Would you name your children just anything? How about naming your daughter Jezebel or son Ahab?

4) When your boss goes to make out your paycheck this week, would you have him put my name on the check instead of yours? It shouldn’t make any difference, right, if there’s nothing in a name.

5) Why did Peter say of Christ, *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”* (Acts 4:12)?

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

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Many misunderstand the second coming of Christ. There is no need for this misunderstanding as the Bible is clear on the subject.

1) **CHRIST WILL COME.** The Lord Himself promised, *“I will come again”* (Jn. 14:3). The apostle to the Hebrews affirmed that Christ shall *“appear the second time”* (Heb. 9:28).

2) **CHRIST WILL COME UNEXPECTEDLY.** Christ said, *“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only”* (Mt. 24:36). If only God knows when Christ will return,

who am I to speculate as to when the second coming of Christ will occur? As a thief gives no signs of his coming, "the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night" (2 Pet. 3:10). Thus, we best be ready (Mt. 24:43-44).

3) CHRIST WILL BRING SOME THINGS AT HIS COMING. Christ will bring those who sleep in Him (1 Th. 4:13-14). A reward will be brought as Matthew 16:27 teaches, "For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." How will you be rewarded?

Are you ready for Christ's second coming?

WHERE BAPTISM PUTS US

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When we learn where baptism puts us, we should see the importance of being baptized.

1) BAPTISM PUTS US INTO CHRIST. Paul taught, "For as many of you as have been **baptized into Christ** have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:27). Many things are found only in Christ like salvation (2 Tim. 2:10), all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3), and eternal life (1 Jn. 5:11). If you've not been baptized into Christ, then you're not in Christ.

2) BAPTISM PUTS US INTO THE CHURCH OF CHRIST. 1 Corinthians 12:13 says, "For by one Spirit are we all **baptized into one body**..." This body is "the church" (Col. 1:24). According to Acts 2:47, the saved are in the church. If you've not been baptized into the one body, then you're outside the Lord's church.

3) BAPTISM PUTS US INTO THE DEATH OF CHRIST. Paul asked the Romans, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were **baptized into his death**?" (Rom. 6:3). It was in His death that Jesus shed His blood (Jn. 19:33-34), "which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Mt. 26:28). If you've not been baptized into the death of Christ, then you've not contacted the

blood of Christ and are still in your sins.

Have you submitted to Bible baptism?

TAKING TORAH TO THE NATIONS

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A group known as **El Shaddai Ministries** is "Taking Torah To The Nations." Of course, Torah stands for the first five books of the Old Testament in Judaism. It is interesting that they are taking Torah to the nations when the law of God revealed to Moses was for **the nation of Israel** (Ex. 20:1-3; Dt. 5:1-3). I read where Jesus commissioned the apostles to take **the gospel to all nations** (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15). Mark 13:10 speaks of the gospel being published among all nations. Jesus said repentance and remission of sins would be preached among all nations (Lk. 24:47). Where did He say anything about taking Torah to the nations?

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