

WE GATHER TOGETHER

November 22, 2007

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing..
now cease from distressing. Sing praises to His name - He forgets not His
own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning... the
fight we were winning. Thou, Lord, wast at our side - all glory be Thine.

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be; Let Thy congregation escape
tribulation; Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

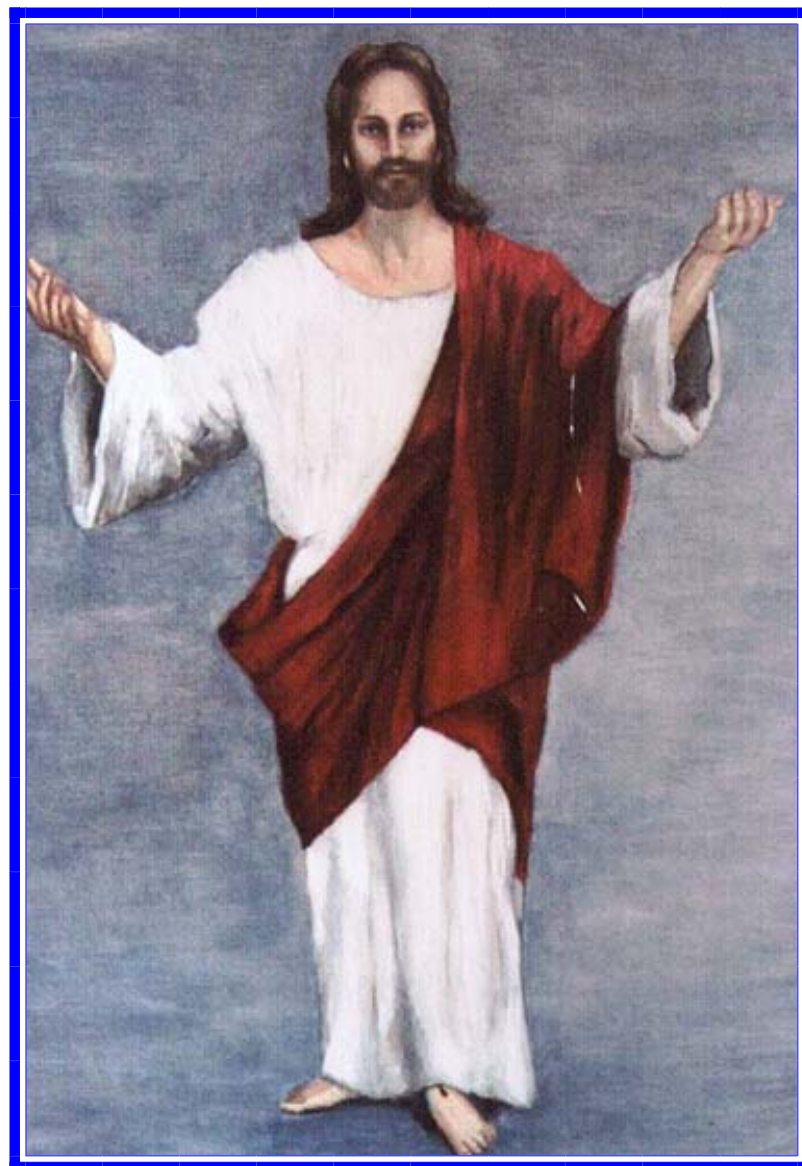
Come, ye thankful people come. Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin:
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple come, Raise the song of harvest home.

Even so, Lord quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow free from sin.
There forever purified, In Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

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The Challenge of Thanksgiving



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THE ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Text: II Corinthians 12:9 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me".

I. Abundant Pardon : Isaiah 55:7 "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon".

II. Abundant Life : John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly".

III. Abundant Blessing: Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us",

IV. Abundant Peace : Jeremiah 33:6 "Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

Isaiah 26:3 "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

V. Abundant Joy: Philippians 1:26 "That your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.

VI. Abundant Grace: II Corinthians 4:15 For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

VII. Abundant Entrance: II Peter 1:11 :For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"Happy Thanksgiving Day"

Thanksgiving Day an annual national holiday in the United States, celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year. It originated in the autumn of 1621 when Plymouth governor William Bradford invited neighboring Indians to join the Pilgrims for a three-day festival of recreation and feasting in gratitude for the bounty of the season. By the end of the 19th century, Thanksgiving Day had become an institution throughout New England and was officially proclaimed as a national holiday by Pres. Abraham Lincoln in 1863. The traditional feast of turkey and pumpkin pie has since become an indigenous part of the national culture. Traditionally celebrated on the last Thursday in November, it was changed by act of Congress in 1941 to the fourth Thursday of that month. Canada first adopted Thanksgiving as a national holiday in November 1879, and it is now celebrated annually on the second Monday in October.

"Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Philippians 4:6

"That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works". Psalm 26:7

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:" Psalm 50:14

" I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving." Psalm 69:30

" Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms." Psalm 95:2

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

"And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing." Psalm 107:22

"I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD."Psalm 116:17

"Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:" Psalm 147:7