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From the Pastor



Thanksgiving

What are your expectations for Thanksgiving? Why is Thanksgiving important to you?

For some, Thanksgiving means time with family. It is one of those times when daughters-in-law worry, because they are having "his family" over for the first time. It is a time when every table and chair in the house has to be found and either cleaned or covered, so everyone can fit around the table for Thanksgiving dinner. Why do we do this? It's because family is so important to all of us.

Thanksgiving for most is also important, because it is "the day" set aside for "the meal." There is a big bird or ham or some kind of big meat product that is set on the table for all to eat. This is surrounded by all sorts of traditional dishes that have been passed down from generation to generation for all to enjoy. The Thanksgiving aroma is a feast for anyone's nose.

Most of us expect Thanksgiving to be a time with family and to enjoy a huge meal. You know that sounds a lot like heaven.

Jesus once described heaven in this way:

And I tell you this, that many Gentiles will come from all over the world -- from east and west -- and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the feast in the Kingdom of Heaven. (Matthew 8:11 New Living Translation)

At heaven there will be a huge feast! And at that feast the whole family of God will be there! Wow. That will be the best Thanksgiving dinner we will ever



experience. I can just imagine sitting at the table, bowing our heads and having Jesus pray for the meal.

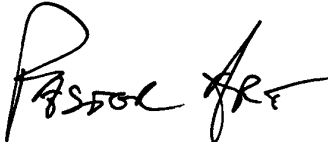


Thanksgiving is important, because it is a time for us to thank God for all

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He has done. I look forward to the day when I will be sitting at the feast in heaven and looking across the table thanking God for passing the mashed potatoes.

In Him and for His glory,

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