

The Missing Ingredient of Praise

**“Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
And to him who orders his conduct aright
I will show the salvation of God.”** Psalm 50:23

It's that time of year again—the season changes (though only slightly here in Texas), and the holidays are on the horizon. For most, Christmas is the highlight, but Thanksgiving runs a close second.

Yet if you walk through most retail stores, you'd think Christmas comes first, second, and third. Thanksgiving decorations are quickly crowded out by Christmas lights and wrapping paper. Why is that? Perhaps it's because being thankful for what we have isn't as exciting as getting more.

That attitude fits our culture of self-centeredness—but it isn't new. Paul wrote in Romans 1 that ingratitude marked the unbelieving world:

“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks.”

Their thankless hearts became darkened, missing the blessings and salvation that were right before them. Before we shake our heads at them, we should ask—are we really that different today?

We may sing songs of praise on Sunday, but does our life reflect genuine gratitude? In Psalm 50:23, God reminds us that true worship goes deeper than words or rituals. He desires thankful, obedient hearts—people whose conduct matches their confession.

This Thanksgiving, maybe we should pause and consider what gratitude truly looks like. Instead of offering a quick “thank You” before devouring the feast, we can demonstrate our thankfulness through how we live. Let's show God we're grateful, not just tell Him.

Are you truly thankful for the countless blessings God has poured out—and continues to give—as His child? Are you thankful for His salvation? May our lives match our lips this Thanksgiving season.

Gary

November

The Month of

Calendar of Events

Join us for these upcoming events.

- 1 - Disciple-Makers Summit, 9am
- 2 - Family Service
- 3 - Evening of Prayer, 7pm
- 9 - Thanksgiving Potluck, 12pm
- 15 - Men's Breakfast, 7:30am
- 15 - Ladies' Prayer Breakfast, 7:30am
- 17 - Women's Brainstorming, 6:30pm
- 27 - Thanksgiving Day

- Praise God for our newest Committed to the Community members, Debbie Smoot, and David and Peggy Phelps.
- Praise God for the opportunity to have Asare Kyei-Baffour, from Ghana, come to BBC and share what God is doing through his ministry.
- We extend our deepest sympathies to the Lothes family in the death of their son-in-law, Joe Chambers.

FAMILY UPDATE



NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* Birthdays						1 
2  9:15AM Bible Classes 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM AWANA Club 6:30PM Youth Group	3 	4	5 * Sherry Roth	6	7	8
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