

THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



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**Living Faith Chapel, Calgary
(Solution Center)**

WORD FOR THE WEEK

A HEART OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

We bless the name of the Lord for his mercies and wonderful deeds in our lives. He deserves every praise and adoration from us because of His lovingkindness towards us this past month and now we are in a brand new month. And we know for sure that as long as we remain in his presence, his lovingkindness towards us endures forevermore! There is every reason to give thanks and praises to God. If you haven't seen the reason to give thanks to God this morning, please thank God because he has kept you alive to this day. In case you don't know, today is the first day in the fifth month of the year 2016. Many lives have been lost since the dawn of the year, but God has counted you worthy to be alive to see this day. Therefore, we have no reason not to have a heart of gratitude towards Him today. In emphasizing the need to come before the Lord with a heart of gratitude, David said: **"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless His name" (Psalm 100:4).**

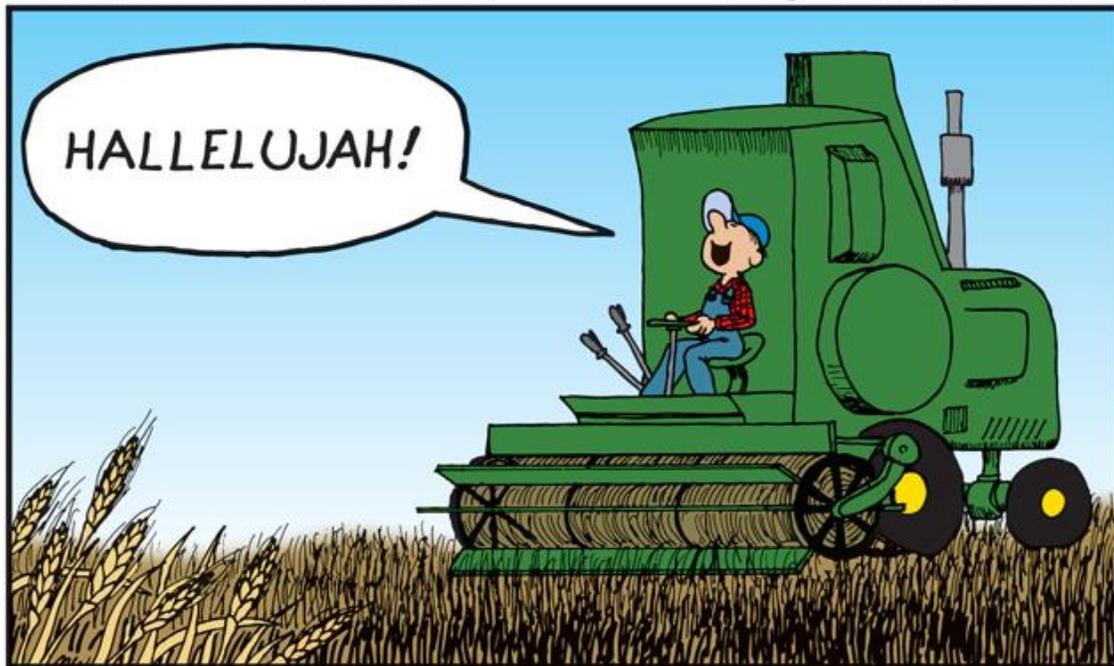
The Lord was gracious to us throughout the past four months of this year and into the brand new month of May. Our heavenly father does wonders in our lives, in the lives of our loved ones and in the lives of our church members. The only way to acknowledge the goodness of God in our lives is to give him praise and to publicly testify to His goodness in our lives. We might even win souls through our testimonies. **"I will praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee; I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." (Ps. 138:1).** As we worship in his presence this morning and throughout the week, let us remain in the mood of praise and come before Him with a heart of gratitude; let us acknowledge his wonders in our lives and in the world. Let our communication and attitude throughout the week be one of praise to Him for His great wonders.

You do not need to look far before you find the wonders of God in your life. Think about the past, think of where you are right now and imagine where He is taking you tomorrow. As regards tomorrow, the Bible says in **Jeremiah 29: 11: For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end**". His plan is that you will reach your expected end. Things might not be where you want them to be; the situation might not yet be what you expect it to be, but our Savior knows your name; He knows your destiny, and He alone knows your future. Do not look back to the past. The Lord is telling you today that your future is brighter than your past; He is telling you that there is abundance of life for you. You may have been diagnosed with a sickness or disease, but the message from God this morning is that that sickness is not unto death because He said in **Ps. 91:16: "With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my Salvation"**. Rather than being depressed about what the doctors have said about your situation, be hopeful and grateful to God for keeping you alive. Long life is for you and your household! This is a divine promise from God to you this morning. Now consider what He promised you in **Isaiah 65: 20-22 "There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old..." "And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands."** If I were you I would say a big amen!

He knows your name; he knows your situation and will perfect that that concerns you. As you enter a new work week, make up your mind to appreciate God in every environment you find yourself. Reckon that He is almighty, all-powerful and reigns supreme in your life. Even if you do not know of any specific thing to thank Him for, appreciate Him because you dwell among the living and have breath of life, food on your table and shelter over your head!

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. — PSALM 67:5-6 KJV

NB. If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org