

## THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD



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

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Word for the Week

#### THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR HIS AMAZING ORDERLINESS IN CREATION

We thank the Almighty Father for His lovingkindness towards us, our families our church and our nation. The Lord has been gracious to us since the dawn of the year 2017. He has not for once abandoned us nor has he allowed the devil to snatch away the life of any member of our church. That we are still among the living is not out of our righteousness nor is it because we are Christians, but simply because God has a purpose which He really wants us to accomplish. It is amazing that we are now in the seventh month and second half of the year 2017. God is faithful: let His name be praised forever! There is no reason why we should not come before His presence today with a thankful heart because that is the only thing that God wants from us. In stressing the importance of thanksgiving, the Psalmist 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 theme for the month of July is **“Hope Thou in God”**, but I recommend we meditate on the importance of thanksgiving to God for the decency and order in the church, in the family and in the universe.

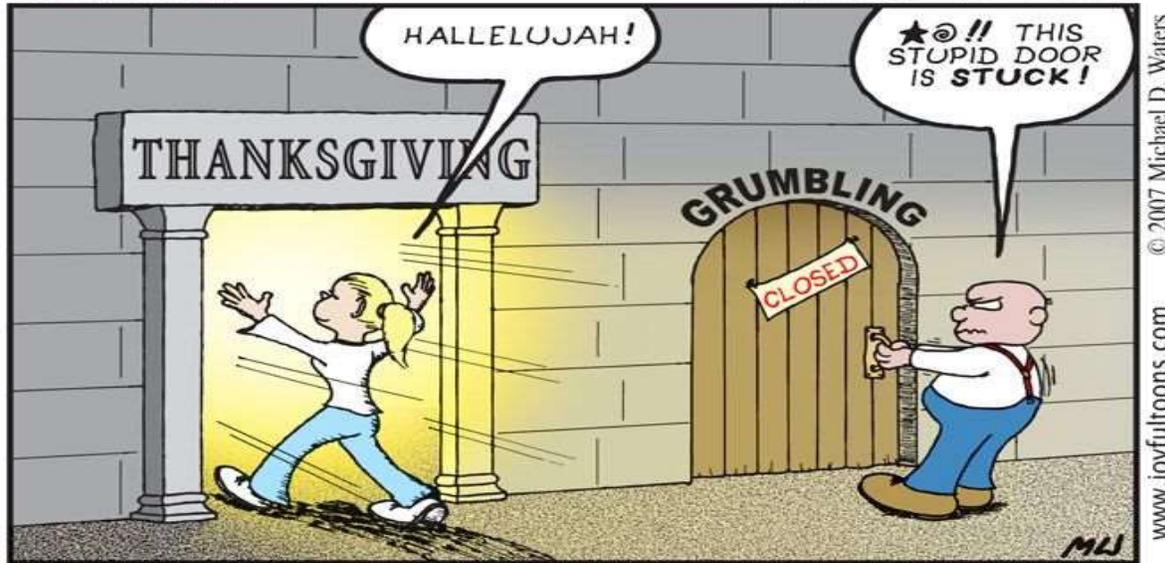
Speaking about decency and order in our lives and in the universe, consider these wonders of God. You sleep and go unconscious and then wake up, regaining your consciousness. This you do about 365 times in a year? Since you were born, you certainly have observed that nightfall is constant after daylight, and neither of these two is able to permanently suppress the other from occurring. For a moment, think about the reason we saw summer around this time last year, after which came the winter and now the summer is back without the cold winter permanently suppressing the hot summer. All these point to one fact – our God is one of decency and orderliness. Therefore, we have to come before Him with thanksgiving and praise for the order in the family, church, nation and the universe. The Psalmist, while expressing the wonders of God, orders praise to God in his characteristic manner **“Sing to the Lord with grateful praise; make music to our God on the harp. He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills. He provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they call (Ps. 147: 7-9).**

As we march triumphantly into the second half of year 2017, let us acknowledge the fact that God wants us to put our entire hope in Him at all time. Our heavenly Father, being the Hope of the helpless, wants us to acknowledge his faithfulness and return praise to Him. Therefore, beginning with this morning, let us come before God with a heart of thanksgiving and praise. God is not asking of us anything that is beyond our powers. All He is asking of us is testimonies and thanksgiving. Let us publicize the things He is doing in our lives. When Jesus healed the leper in **Mathew 8: 1-4**, He said unto him: **“...See you tell no man; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony to them.”** Christ's command to tell no one but the priest is a command not to give testimonies among unbelievers who do not value it, but to share God's goodness to us in the house of God. This is a challenge to you and me today. Let us come out with a heart of thanksgiving to the King of kings for His orderliness in

the universe. If we do this today, the Lord will cut asunder those chains and shackles of sorrow and depression that may have afflicted us for many years! The Good Lord will set you free as you come before Him this morning with a heart of thanksgiving!

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



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give thanks to him and praise his name. — PSALM 100:4 NIV

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