

## **A Great Day in the Kingdom – 9/29/23**

Does it ever slip your mind to thank the Lord for all of your blessings? We often petition God for the big things, or at least those things most important to us. There are numerous small blessings in each of our lives that we often overlook. Let's face it, we take them for granted.

I woke up this morning to see my kiddos happy and healthy. I did not give thanks. I slept on a mattress, in a climate controlled home, pushed a button on my electric coffeemaker, showered with clean water and visited with my wife Christie (blessing) about our upcoming day. I toured my children's school, during last night's Curriculum Night, returned to my vehicle that started and drove home on a paved road. I drove to the church, or as I call it, the office, and began my day of ministry. What a privilege?! What an honor and blessing it is to be your pastor and serve you!

Yet sometimes, I am so blessed I become spoiled. Evidence of my spoiled nature is brought forth through my omission of thanking the Lord for the little things.

**Ephesians 5:20, Giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

We say a prayer whenever we pray at church gatherings. It consists of the Gospel in one sentence.

**"Gracious Father, Accept our thanks, Pardon our sins, Receive us in Heaven, for Christ's sake, AMEN!"**

My Grandad taught me that we should thank our Heavenly Father for everything. I did not grow up thanking God simply for my food. I was taught to thank the Lord for everything, including my salvation, in Jesus Christ.

I have heard many family blessings over meals, throughout my years in ministry. All are beautiful! As long as the Lord receives our thanksgiving prayers, we are getting it right.

**PRAYER: Heavenly Father, Thank You for all of my many Blessings. I ask for Your help, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit to be Thankful. I am Blessed. In the name of the Risen Christ Jesus, I Pray! AMEN!!!**