



# Holiday Events

## Of the World Bible Way Fellowship



### *Thankful for what?*

#### Psalm 103: 1-5

There is a difference between thanksgiving as a national institution and the thanksgiving offered by the Christian. National Thanksgiving is the recognition of a supreme being as the source of all temporal blessings. Millions of people across this great land of ours celebrate Thanksgiving in the manner in which it reflects upon their own lives. Some think of the day only as sporting events, while others are ready for hunting or a fishing trip. It means only a big jolly time for them and their family; turkey and a big sumptuous meal, something to eat.

For the Christian people it should take on a different light from the things just mentioned. They like to attend worship; go to church and hear a sermon on the importance of thanksgiving, kneel and worship God and in their hearts really give God thanks, not only for temporal but spiritual blessings. David, in Psalm 103, rang the bells of thanksgiving, exhorting himself. "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." It is on this plane that thankfulness reaches its highest peak. Here we find the deepest emotions of the soul. David lists five areas in which we all should be thankful. First he is thankful for salvation. "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities" (vs. 3). There is no greater miracle known to man than the transformation of the soul. What a great power is this! Helpless man, habit bound by sin, calls upon God for mercy, and suddenly there occurs a soul-shaking experience and he becomes conscious that his sins are forgiven. There is no greater joy, nor any mountain top experience that can surpass this. Someone once wrote, "Longfellow could take a worthless sheet of paper, write a poem on it and make it worth \$6,000.00 that is genius. Uncle Sam can take gold, stamp an eagle on it and make it worth \$20.00 that is money. An artist can take a fifty cent piece of canvas, paint a picture on it and make it worth thousands of dollars that is art." God can take a worthless, sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it and make it a blessing to humanity. That is salvation. This is God's greatest gift to needy man. What a tragedy it is so often neglected and rejected.

Next, the Psalmist mentions sustenance; "Who healeth all thy diseases" (vs. 3). A powerful Creator took the dust of the earth and set an intelligent being in the garden. A powerful preserver keeps that being in His care. The diseases of the soul and body are multitudinous but there is nothing greater than God. The power of a thousand Niagara's is at man's disposal for his need. God will bare His arm on his behalf for the emergency or crisis of life. Then the Psalmist speaks of safety; "Who redeemeth thy life from destruction" (vs.4). Multitudes will testify of the watch, care and providences of God over them. The air we breathe, the intelligence we have, the strength we possess. All our powers are benefits from His gracious hand. He watches over His own as a mother watches over her child. His concern knows no bounds. The enemies that would rid man from the face of the earth are held at bay by His mighty presence and power. Even when man is not conscious of it. There is an eye that never sleeps watching protectively over him.

Then the Psalmist mentions strength; "Who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies" (vs.4). There is no kindness, no mercy like His limitless mercy. Who of His followers has not felt a surge of strength and power just when he needed it most? There is strength to go down when there are dark valleys of gloom to pass through. There is strength to go on when man has come to the end of himself. Best of all, He assures us that He will be with us and will not forsake us. This strength is the result of His attitude toward His own, that of lovingkindness and tender mercy.

Finally he mentions a special satisfaction; "Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things" (vs.5). These are words of thankfulness for that inward contentment that can only come when one knows he is a ward of God. He eats at the table of God for physical and spiritual benefits. Such is the happy condition of all who belong to the benevolence of God. Solomon said, "'The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and He addeth no sorrow with it" (Prov. 10:22). This is the aspect of thanksgiving presented by the Psalmist David. Here thanksgiving reaches its highest plane and receives its greatest reward. I believe we have more than enough to be thankful for?

WHAT SAY YOU?

*Dr. Kenneth K. Howe*

# Texas Conference

4 sermons - 4 messages - 4 ministers  
from 4 states in our 4th conference

*Dr. Kenny Howe  
Shares his vision for the  
World Bible Way  
Fellowship*



*Connie Martin*

*From Jubilee  
Deaf Fellowship  
in Denver, Co.  
Sang, signed,  
and preached*



*Steve Gulbranson*

*From Chris-  
tian Fellow-  
ship in Largo,  
Florida  
Shares a  
word.*



*Charlie McKay*

*Host pastor from Bible Way Chapel  
Church opens the conference.*



*Porterville, California will host the final  
meeting of the year November 4th & 5th.  
Don't miss it!*



## TEN COMMANDMENTS for CHRISTMAS

(Aren't you glad gift giving was God's idea?)



1. Remember that Xmas is not Christmas. X is the unknown. Do not leave Christ out of Christmas.
2. Thou shalt not estimate the value of gifts by their cost, but by the love which prompts their giving.
3. With every gift thou shalt give thyself that the value of the gift may truly be beyond price.
4. Thou shalt not allow Santa Claus to take the place of Christ, lest Christmas become a fairy tale rather than a sublime reality.
5. Thou shalt not allow Christmas to become a burden, either to yourself or to others. Thou shalt be considerate of the mailman, the merchant and all who labor at Christmas.
6. Thou shalt not spend more than thou canst afford.
7. Remember thy church at Christmas, with thy thoughts, thy prayers, thine attendance, thy service and thy gifts.
8. Thou shalt remember those in need.
9. Remember that this is the birthday of the Christ child that every gift should be in His name.
10. Give yourself at Christmas. Offer to Him, whose birthday we celebrate, all that you are and all that you have.

May our Lord Jesus continue to smile upon you and yours with His divine favor and surround you with His never failing presence. From the President and staff of WBWF we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

## It's renewal time!

By the time you are reading this issue of the *Events* it will be time to renew once again. It has been the custom each year, in the fall to start issuing annual credentials. I believe that our Fellowship is one of the greatest in existence today and it is growing stronger each year. New people and churches are joining our ranks each month. The way time moves along, December will be upon us before we know it. Why not renew now for your 2016 card while it is fresh on your mind? Then you will not have to be concerned about your credential expiring. Thank you for your prompt response. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

**In the next issue of the *Events* we will have a report of how many ministers, churches and ministries came into the Fellowship in 2015.**



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