From the Pastor's Desk.....

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

Colossians 2:6-7 NKJV

Hello family,

Have you ever noticed in God's word how often we are reminded that we are to give thanks or be thankful? Thankful to God.

In Colossians 2:6-7 we are told that as Christians we are to be living like Christians, living for the Lord, continuing to learn and apply what He says in His word, and **abounding with thanksgiving**.

That means to have more than just that **same ol' same ol'** attitude of **'well thanks'.** It means over and above the norm; Over and above!

As a result of being grateful, thankful, we give thanks to God. Thanksgiving.

We need to be thankful and also say it.

We also need to show it by the way that we love and live.

Over the last few years we have seen and experienced a lot of change. What we considered to be "normal" in our daily lives has, in many cases, been altered, shaken, and turned upside down.

Even if we haven't experienced extremely noticeable changes, we know that the world in general is changing very rapidly, and not for the better.

Even in the midst of all the political chaos, violent riots, conspiracies, and corruption, if we just stop for even a micro-second and think about what we have to be thankful for; what we have to continuously thank Almighty God for, we realize that the list is very long.

As a result of this realization we notice that we want to talk to Him more, we want to thank Him more, and we want to show Him how thankful we are to Him by living our lives for Him.

Today as we prepare for and then partake of the elements in the Lord's Supper, let's make sure to thank the Lord Jesus Christ for dying on the cross for us, in our place, for rising on the third day, and for the blessed hope we have in Him!

Let's make sure that the way we live demonstrates the love and appreciation that we have for Him!

In Christ's love,

Pastor Dave Wolff