

Sunday – November 22, 2020.

Our Verses for the day: 1 Corinthians 1:4-5 (KJV) ⁴ I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ; ⁵ That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for November 22, 2020.

Ephesians 5:1-2,19-21 THANKS FOR ALL THINGS

We like to name the things for which we are thankful, but usually we include only those good things that have happened to us. PAUL SAY THAT WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR ALL THINGS.

1. THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED.

Our first list includes those things that are real to us by experience.

A. SALVATION: Before the counting of wealth, health, friends, or any other blessing, let us first thank God for the salvation we have through His Son. (Do We?)

B. SERVICE: Rather than complain about what we must do in the kingdom and for Christ, let us thank God that He has counted us worthy to do his business on earth. (To be His sheep. John 10:27)

C. SECURITY: As salvation is a gift, so is the assurance of our eternal security. John 10:25-30)

II. THINGS THAT HAVE NOT HAPPENED:

Instead of waiting until tragedies occur and complaining about them, let us thank God now for the things that have not happened to us.

A. DEATH: We may be discouraged and down and out, but we are still alive.

B. DESTRUCTION: Let us thank God for the ability to still grow and work for Him. He has not destroyed us yet.

C. DEFEAT: We ought to thank God for the promise that in the end, we will not be defeated.

III. THINGS THAT WILL NOT HAPPEN:

A. REJECTION: As Christians we belong to the family of God and He will not reject us. We may fall out of fellowship for some time, but eventually God will bring us back.

B. RETRACTION... God's promises are as sure as God Himself. When he makes a promise with man, He keeps it. We must be thankful for this. Do we keep ours?

C. RETREAT: Let us be thankful that there will never be a retreat. Jesus did not run from the cross neither will God run from us.

IV. THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN...

A. HOPE: some day we will all go to a better place and this is something to give thanks for.

B. HELP: Christ did not promise to remove us from trouble, only to help us out.

C. HEAVEN: Let us thank God that we do not know what Heaven will be like, but it will be better than what we have here.

We have much to be thankful for, are we going to be thankful this season?

As we move through COVID-19, let us be thankful for God's love and looking after us in this time of Covid-19.

Today, November 21, as you pray, pray for the pastors that will be preaching the Bible tomorrow, November 22.

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