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As a Child Gives Thanks...

The time of Thanksgiving will arrive soon. Have you meditated upon why you are thankful this holiday season? Some of us are shy when asked to put our thanks into words around the bounteously laden table. Though God hears us, how may we thank him in still other ways for our blessings?

Show your Heavenly Father you love him like a child. Just speak to Him simply, for God is your best friend. Trust God. Ask Him questions and stay close to Him daily. Let God be the friend you run to when you are in pain. Give thanks for your blessings as you worship each week.

In Psalm 131:2, David gives thanks for the peace that comes only from our Creator... "But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child quieted at its mother's breast; like a child that is quieted is my soul."

Won't you come to God as a child this Thanksgiving? God will know that you appreciate Him for He knows your heart.



- SUNDAY
2 Timothy
3:10 - 4:8
- MONDAY
2 Corinthians
8:1-15
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2 Corinthians
8:16-24
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104:1-23
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Psalm
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Weekly Sermonette

From Living Word Church Will The Real Jesus Please Stand Up?

In Matthew 24:24, Jesus provides a stern warning that, "False Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect if that were possible."

In the old "To Tell the Truth" game show, you had to question three contestants to determine the true identity of the person who would then stand up to be recognized. Unfortunately, if you're looking for the true Jesus these days, you have more than three "contestants". The cults and false religions of the day have produced some such as these:

Jesus #1: Jesus was Michael the archangel, the first being created by Jehovah God, "a god" but not Almighty God, was invisibly raised from the dead as a "spirit being" and has already invisibly returned to earth.

Jesus #2: Jesus was the "spirit brother" of Lucifer, a man who evolved to godhood and was married to more than one woman while on this earth.

Jesus #3: This is a Jesus who never came in the flesh, but is simply a divine idea or principle inherent in every person.

Jesus #4: Jesus is one of many great prophets but has since been superseded by a greater prophet. He did live a sinless life but was not crucified nor did he die to pay the penalty for anyone's sins.

All of the above are the creations of men although they bear the same name as the true Jesus revealed in the Holy Scriptures. However, as eternally dangerous as all of the above "Jesuses" are, there may be some that are even more dangerous.

There are many people, some even sitting in church week after week, who have created a Jesus in their own minds with whom they are comfortable. He may be a Jesus that is all "love" but no judgment. He may be a Jesus that tolerates all lifestyles and life choices even though they conflict with His Word. But, he is not the true Jesus revealed in the entirety of God's Word.

In 2 Corinthians 11:4, the apostle Paul warned the believers at Corinth, "For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough."

There are other Jesuses, other spirits and other gospels. Are you "putting up" with a false Jesus, one that cannot save?

At one point while Jesus was walking this earth, He turned to His disciple Peter, and asked, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, answered boldly, "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God."

There is only One Jesus who is God in the flesh, only One who died on the cross for your sins, only One who rose physically from the dead and is alive forevermore, only One who sets you free from the bondage of sin, only One who grants eternal life to those who believe. Do you know Him?

ANDBE HOME

By DARLENE MCEWEN

This past Thursday, I had a desire to go shopping. It's not that I needed anything or that I had lots of extra cash to spend. I just needed to get out. There is something about the experience that make me feel powerful.

Well, I gently told my husband, Duane, who is not really my favorite person to go shopping with, but he does go with me and doesn't complain out loud.

I needed gas in my little red Explorer so I picked Duane up at home and drove to Jack Rabbit Service Station to fill up. I 'jumped' out to go pay and Duane 'sundered' out to fill. I quickly wrote my check, scooted out the door, got under the steering wheel and promptly drove off.

I looked in my rear view mirror and saw a silly big man waving and running toward my vehicle. I wondered what in the world I had done to create that much excitement when all of a sudden, it dawned on me — that was my husband. I had forgotten him!

That's kind of how it was with the Andbe Home entry in the Veterans Day Parade. I felt a real need to have the Andbe Home be a part of that parade because of all the sacrifices the Veteran's made for me. I wondered what in the world would we come up with a theme and looked and thought about it for several days. Here at the Andbe Home, at the time we were preparing for the parade, three of our residents were World War II Veterans. It was from them that inspirations come. I visited with each of them.

Francis Strayer entered the Army in March of 1941. When Pearl Harbor was bombed he was in Fort Sill, Okla.

Francis said, "When I heard that Pearl Harbor had been bombed, I knew I was in for the duration." He was stationed at three bases before being sent to France and Germany. He was with the mechanic division. When asked who was the most famous person he saw during the war, Francis said, "It would be a toss up between General Eisenhower and General Patton." He saw lots of countries during his tour but the most interesting thing for him was seeing the Panama Canal work. He was 25 when he enlisted.

Paul Ballinger is another World War II Veteran serving in the Navy. Paul was working at the Boeing Airplane Company when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He was drafted to service in January of 1944 and served until January of 1946. He was with the Public Communication Unit #1. Through the Navy he was trained to fix and maintain the radio transmission so the news from the front lines could get home to the states. He never broadcasted the news, just saw to it that it was possible for others to do it. When asked what it was that he remembered in his military career, it was when nature in the form of a typhoon combined with war on the island of Okinawa and sank ships, damaged airplanes,

wrecked buildings and tore down the communication towers. It was even more of a memory than the bullet that glazed his belt causing a bruise on his hip following the celebration in Okinawa by military personnel when word was received that the war was over. Paul found the bullet in his pocket. He brought it home with him and it is on display at the Norton Museum.

Leo Booth entered the Army at 18 and served with the Army Signal Corp in radio and telegraph. Norval Hastings, another World War II Veteran entered the Andbe Home the day before Veterans Day. He served in the walking infantry for a short time. Most of his career was spent on the island of Morti in the Pacific where he was part of the mechanic division.

Francis, Leo and Paul rode in the Andbe Home Van driven by Bobby Eggers, Maintenance Supervisor, and waved to the crowd. Bobby was able to park the van at the end of parade route so these men could enjoy the rest of parade that honored them. Bobby asked about their military careers while the parade was in progress and found the stories very interesting. Our theme was Old Glory — Veterans — power, freedom and pride. It was based on the theory that whenever there is a war or a conflict there is Old Glory and military personnel with power, protecting our freedom and giving us pride! The Andbe Home honors Veterans. Residents, Dorothy Wolfe, Mildred Bausch and Mabel Dole carried the power, freedom and pride banners as resident resource staff pushed them in red, white and blue decorated wheelchairs. Administrator Coni Park and volunteer, Ann Gallentine, carried the large banner.

The work involved in getting everything coordinated for this parade is huge but as I walked down State Street and watched the people waving to us, clapping as we passed, I had a hard time keeping the tears from flowing. I remember World War II from stories from my officer Dad and my concerned mother, the Cuban Missile Conflict from my called-to-active duty husband, and the long years in the National Guard. I was so impressed by the crowd that gathered to honor Veterans and my mind flowed to those military personnel in battle and conflicts today.

That parade was more exciting than my shopping run. It was more than making me feel powerful; it was powerful. Thank you to Jake Durham and the people from Norton who take several hours away from doing anything else to remember veterans. May we never get so excited about our current state of affairs that we forget Veterans as I almost forgot my big shopping run partner!

Others from the Andbe Home attending the parade with volunteer Loraine Wolf were Merle Shearer, Helen Curry, Bruce Hubbard and Judy Wood.

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