

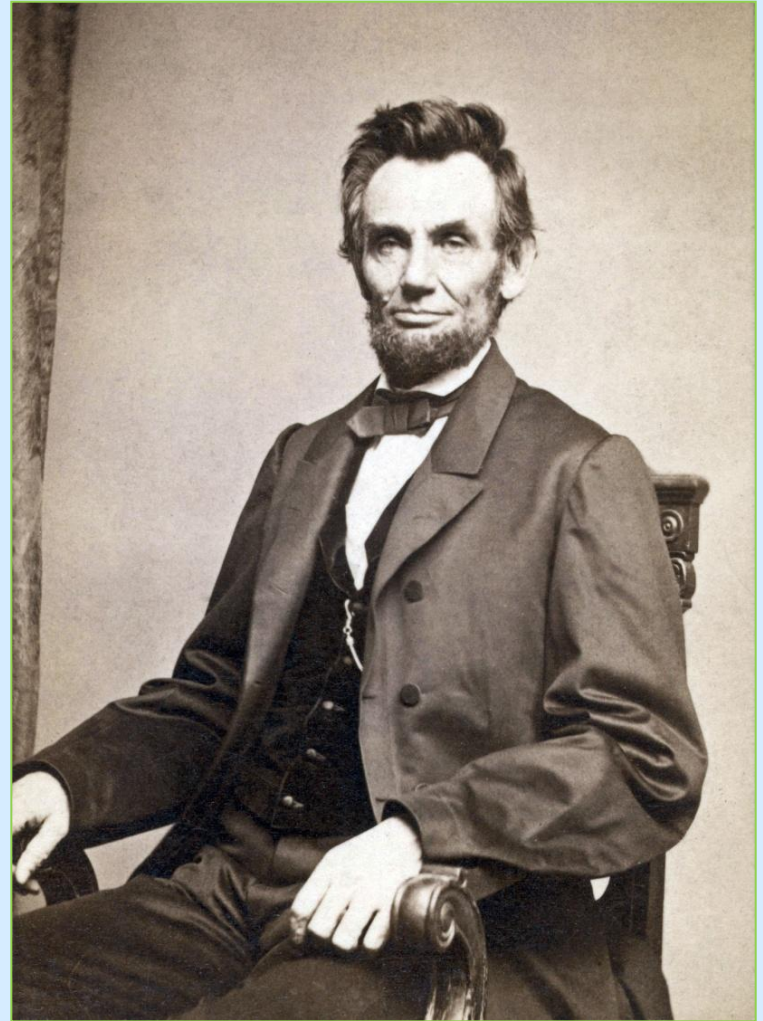
**“But let the peace
of God rule in your
hearts, to which you
were also called in one
body; and be thankful.”**

Colossians 3:15

Thanksgiving - USA

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- October 3, 1863, with Gettysburg in mind, as well as its cost, President Lincoln issued a proclamation:
- “I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, ...to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving... And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him ...”
- www.nps.gov



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- The notion of thanksgiving is solidly based in God’s word – Colossians 3:15-17
 - Ingrained in who God is and what He did –
Psalm 7:17, 9:1-2, 69:30, 95:1-2, 100:4, 106:1, 107:1
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2 Corinthians 4:15, 1 Corinthians 15:17,
John 16:13-15 (Acts 1:4-8)

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- Being thankful is a choice we make –
Philippians 4:6-8, 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- Remember why I am, and enjoy what I enjoy –
James 1:17-18
- I need to show God my gratitude, submissively –
Philippians 4:6-7
- How can I learn to be submissively thankful –
Colossians 3:16-17

What must I do to be saved?

Acts 16:30

- **Believe in Jesus –**
John 8:24/3:16
- **Repent of Sins –**
Luke 13:3-5; Acts 2:38/7:30-31
- **Confess your Faith in Jesus –**
Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9
- **Baptism for the Remission Of Sins –**
Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38/22:16
- **Live Faithfully for the Remainder of Life –**
Revelation 2:10; James 2:10