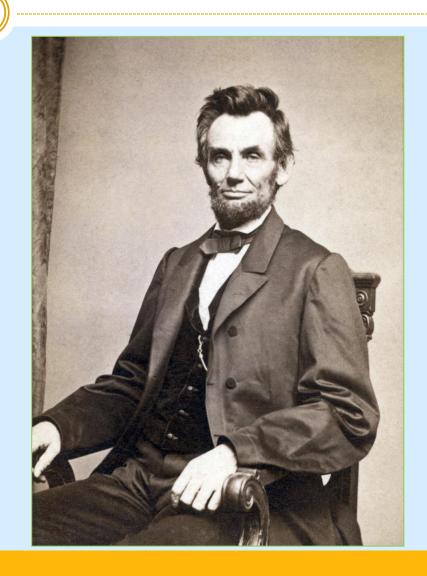
## Thanksgiving - USA

- 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



## "...and be thankful" Colossians 3:15



- The notion of thanksgiving is solidly based in God's word – Colossians 3:15-17
  - o 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