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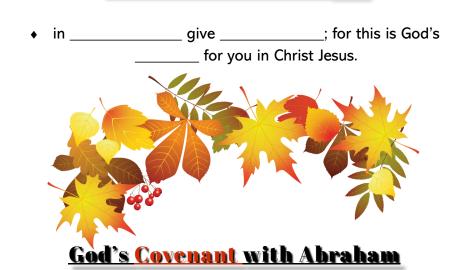


Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are now being assembled and collected. Bring your boxes to the church or go online to SonriseChurch.com and have a box built for you. TODAY is the final Sunday to build a box ONLINE or bring one into the church.

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### <u>l Thessalonians 5.18 <sub>NASB</sub></u>



The I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of heaven... Genesis 22.17 ESV

 This was 2,000 years before Christ God entered a Covenant/Contract relationship with the Church and Kingdom of God/Heaven.

# <u>The Calling of the Nations</u>

Arise, \_\_\_\_\_\_, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your \_\_\_\_\_, and kings to the brightness of your rising. Isaiah 60.1-3 ESV

- Isaiah is looking forward to the coming of the promised \_\_\_\_\_\_ and the birth of the Church when HIS light and \_\_\_\_\_\_ will be revealed.
- The world is full of a \_\_\_\_\_\_ of sin that separates the people from God.
- Here, Christ is called to \_\_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness with the brightness of His \_\_\_\_\_\_ and gather the nations to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
- That light is then shared by HIS people with the





#### DIGGING DEEPER

This week we are going to dig into thankful people in the Bible. You will have the person's name and scripture to look up. This week discover <u>Why</u> are they grateful and <u>How</u> they express it. Why it is important to you as a believer? You may have to backtrack in the scripture and see what has happened to make them each grateful.

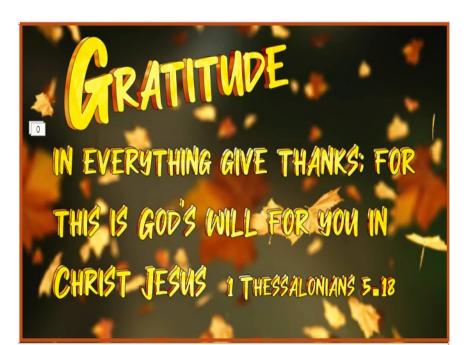
Monday: JESUS– Luke 20.21; John 11.41-43; Matthew 15.36 (also Mark 8.6 & John 6.11); Matthew 26.26-27 <u>Tuesday</u>: JOB–Job 1.20-21 <u>Wednesday</u>: Hannah–Samuel 1.26-28 <u>Thursday</u>: DAVID–Psalms 100 <u>Friday</u>: MARY–Luke 1.38, Luke 1.46-55 <u>BONUS</u>: THE SMARARITAN LEPER–Luke 17.15-19



Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things. PSALM 107:8-9

# <u>The Gratitude of the Believer</u>

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ = Starting with Abraham.
  - Choosing to be one of the \_\_\_\_\_\_
    \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God's promise.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ = As laid out in detail in Isaiah.
  - Choosing to let \_\_\_\_\_ shine through you in a dark world.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ = To bond his people in one Kingdom.
  - ♦ Choosing to \_\_\_\_\_ with others in the
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_ for His people through His people.
  - Choosing to be a \_\_\_\_\_\_ follower of the



# <u>The Unity of the Church</u>

There is neither	nor	, there is
neither	_ nor	, there is no
and	, for yo	ou are all one in
Christ Jesus. And if yo		
offspri	ng, heirs according t	o promise.
Galatians 3.28		
Here there is not Gree		
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Colossians 3.11		
For <u>there is</u>		between Jew and
Greek; for the same Lo	o <mark>rd is Lord of all</mark> , best	towing his riches
on all who call on him		
Romans 10.12		
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BACKGROUND UNI		

- BARBARIAN, SCYTHIAN, LEVEL ERASED
- there is NO DISTINCTION, \_\_\_\_\_ DIVISION OF ANY KIND
- "All one in Christ Jesus." The church is about the <u>UNITY</u> of



### The Devotion of the Saved

For "	_ who calls on the name of the Lord will
be	." Romans 10.13

And they \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ^ themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common.

#### Acts 2.42-44

And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And <u>the Lord added to their number</u> day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2.45-47

- <u>Apostles Teachings</u>= Digging deep into the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- <u>Fellowship</u> = The were \_\_\_\_\_ who trusted each other.
- Breaking of Bread = \_\_\_\_\_ and fellowship meals
- <u>Miracles in their midst</u> = \_\_\_\_\_ presence was obvious.
- <u>Sharing with each other</u> = personal \_\_\_\_\_ were filled.
- <u>Support and meeting needs</u> = ministry needs were
- <u>Worship together</u> = Their common salvation \_\_\_\_\_\_ them.

