



## "An Outpouring Of Who We Are",

Pastor Doug's Newsletter, 11/14/2012

Dear Friends,

There are many things that mark who we are, things like our looks, our family of origin, our job, our age and the list could go on and on. Read with me another very significant mark about the Christ follower from the book of Hebrews chapter 13 Vs. 15-16, **"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased."**

Friends, since Christ saved us by grace through faith in Him alone and we have put our trust in Him for salvation and as a result of that, for all eternity we will be with Him in glory, may that which marks our life be living out our salvation with reverence, thankfulness and honor to His name! Daily, as we walk down life's path regardless of what or who comes our way, may the words of our mouth and the thoughts from our heart be honoring to Him. I know that this is not easy, nor natural, but I also know "we, as His children, sealed with His Spirit within us," have the power to control our thought life and the words that come from our mouth. What a difference we will make in the world we live in if we live and speak with the gentleness and patience, the hope and encouragement that is ours to those He puts us around.

May the words that come out of our mouth, the good we choose to do be a wonderful picture of our **"Thankful"** heart for that which Christ has given us. One song writer wrote long ago, "Freely we have received, Freely give!" I like that!

I have said many times, we can't choose the hurdles in life that are in front of us, we can't choose what people do to us, we can only choose how we respond. May our daily, moment by moment response to life exemplify a "True Heart of Thanksgiving" for His glory, regardless! His love can and never will be taken away from us.

Have a "grateful" day/life friends,



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-**Living Faith Giving Thanks** is the theme of this Sunday's special service! Please join us on the 18th at the Holiday Inn at 10:30 AM for this special time of "Giving Thanks" together as a Christian Family. The luncheon buffet will immediately follow the service. It is great to see the guests that will be with us this Sunday, may we show the love of Christ to each one He brings in. I am looking forward to this very special time together with you. Please call 234-6615 if you have not made your reservation and can join us.

-We will have two trailers in the Holiday Inn parking lot to receive your food donations for the **Kearney Food Pantry** this Sunday. **Please come early** and drop your food off at the trailers and the men from the Men's Leadership Team will box it to take it to the Pantry after the service and luncheon.