



## *Pastor's Comments*

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### **Think & Thank**

There is a close correlation between **thinking** and **thanking**! The old Anglo-Saxon “**thankfulness**” means “**thoughtfulness**.” **Thinking** precedes **thanking**. **Thanksgiving** is the product of careful cultivation. It is “the fruit of our lips **giving thanks to his name**” (Heb. 13:15). His “**name**” is His character – **goodness, love, mercy, etc.** As we **think** about **God’s goodness** and **His blessings** to us, our hearts brim over with **thanksgiving**! Sometimes we need to preach to ourselves as did David, “**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits**” (Ps. 103:2). Samuel told Israel to “**consider** how **great things** he hath done for you” (I Sam. 12:24). David said, “I **remember** the days of old; I **meditate** on all thy works; I **muse** on the work of thy hands” (Ps. 143:5). “**Muse**” means “to ponder” or **think about**. “**Amuse**” means to **not think**. Sinners **do not want to think** about God and eternity. They prefer to **not think** about what will happen should they die unexpectedly. **Amusements** occupy their time. But, those who have accepted Jesus Christ as Savior know that God has done **great things** for them. As they **think about** God’s **mercy** and **forgiveness** of their sin, **gratitude** to the Lord wells up within and overflows in expressions of **thanksgiving**. David said, “My heart was hot within me; while I was **musings** the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue” (Ps. 39:3). **Thinking** about **God and His goodness** primes the pump from which **thanksgiving** flows! We sing a chorus in our church that says it well, “When I **think** of the **goodness of Jesus**, and all that **He’s done** for me; then my soul cries out **Hallelujah! Praise God** for saving me!”

Join us this **Thanksgiving Sunday** as we take time in **singing, testimony, and preaching** to **think and thank** God for His goodness!

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