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Give Thanks Often Unto the LORD

**"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks:
for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare," Psalm75:1.**

Memories are sweet and the future is bright ahead. In the present, as one dear brother declares every time I've been in their services, **"God is Good!"**

I like visiting the **Faith Landmark Missionary Baptist Church** of South Sacramento. Just to hear the words of praise that is between the church and their Pastor, Brother Carter, is enough to make one rejoice.

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And, how we should remember, all the time, just how good God is to us. Our hearts can't help but grow sweeter once we place this truth within them. However, let it be not only in church services. Daily, we ought to declare God's goodness. "All the time!" Why? Because, "God is good!"

At my church, Trinity Missionary Baptist, we interact verbally, too, at times. In the preaching hour, I'll take them back to 1959.

I can't help it! You see, that's when I was saved - 1959. Frequently, I make mention that I didn't merely make a decision. I state firmly: **"I was gloriously saved!"**

Pastor Burks: "What year was it?"

Congregation: **"1959!!!"**

And so, we rejoice together, my church and I. They know what it means to have Jesus as their personal Savior. You do too, if you have trusted Him to take care of the past sins and present the glorious future kingdom to you.

When were you saved? Let me know. I love to rejoice with saved folks. What year was it when you gave yourself to God through Jesus. When did you trust in the Lamb's blood, God's Sacrificial offering that paid man's sin debt, forever?

Once one has been saved, conversational interaction changes. It goes from worldly events and ideas to spiritual concepts of Jesus, His work and His Second Coming. When a saved person meets another Christian, there's an ongoing heavenly interaction, "All the time because God is good."

Sometimes, when the Holy Spirit convicts, desperate words are uttered: "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Acts 2:37).

In this case, believers at the Jewish day of worship of Pentecost needed to accept the fact that the Old Covenant was fulfilled and the New Covenant was now in force.

As recorded in Hebrews, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the lord; I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more," (10:16 & 17).

Then, the Hebrew letter affirms: "Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin," Hebrews 10 18.

What can be better than knowing that your sins are forgiven? Of course, nothing! At that very moment, one realizes the fact that God is good - especially, to us Gentiles.

But, Peter was trying to bring those at Pentecost to Jesus, Jews! "Repent and be baptize every one in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:38.

At other times, when God speaks to His people, Scripture explains why God is good. We learn about the promises of God "by His prophets in the holy scriptures," (Rom 1:2) "Concerning His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;" Romans 1:3.

Jesus is the reason that God is good all the time, isn't He? Knowing this and giving God the glory, keeps church members interacting with their pastors, and with anyone of the same blessing.

When members leave the services of church, they turn to one another and interact. Godly conversation is everywhere! Soon, the word gets all around, even over the entire globe. Wouldn't it be grand if our faith, like that of the Roman Church, "is spoken of throughout the whole world?" (Rom. 1:8). Pray for the missionaries!

When God becomes good to us, our hearts rejoice, Godly confidence overcomes us. Never are we "ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," Romans 1:16.

Yes! God is good! When? All time! Even if the present is somewhat tough, the heart experiences joy all the while in God's service. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy" (Ps 126:5). At mission's end, there is sweetness: "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Ps 126:7).

God is good in America, even in our present day of terrorists and failed economy. When times get tough, God's people get talking about God's economy; of when He dispensed Himself into mankind in the Person of Jesus; of the coming kingdom which shall be ruled by the Lord, Jesus Christ and His saints.

Yes! God is good! But, man is not. "**There is none righteous, no not one,**" Romans 3:23. Only through His mercy are men allowed to come to Jesus and trust in His work, His righteousness and His commission. Through His grace, let us sound off His goodness as frequently as it should be. Let's tell the world and one another that: "**God is good!**" Let's do it, "**All the time!**"