

Thanks!

A mother and her two little children were destitute. In the depth of winter they were nearly frozen, and the mother took the cellar door off the hinges and set it up in front of the corner where they crouched down to sleep so that some of the draft and cold might be kept from them. One of the children whispered to her, "Mother, what do those poor children do who have no cellar door to put up in front of them?"

Whatever your circumstance today, there is something, there is Someone with a new source of life for you. Today is a day for thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is not an action or a benefit, thanksgiving is not a gift or a talent. Thanksgiving is not based upon what someone has. Thanksgiving is not what we say but rather, thanksgiving is a *mindset* that we possess. *Ephesians 5:2, 4 NLT declares,*

"Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ...Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes – these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God."

Thanksgiving is a mindset that we all can choose to live through! An American admiral had a small card printed and circulated among his subordinates and workers. On it in gray type was this background: "It Can't Be Done," and then, in bold black type across this was printed, "But Here It Is." As we look at sin and realize its strength, defeat would seem to be inevitable were it not for Christ. As we receive Him into our very lives things begin to change! Remember Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 15:57,

"But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The phrase "who gives us" is a present participle (*didonti*) in Greek. A better translation would be "who keeps on giving us." This is not just one victory that God gives us but a constant experience of victory through Christ. As we remain plugged in to the Source, victory is inevitable time and time again! Have a mindset of thanksgiving independent from everything around you. You may not see or have things today the way you might like them to be. But victory is not determined by you, it is determined through Christ and His work upon the cross! Hallelujah.

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