

# Harris Ministries

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## "Ministering in Word & Song"



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Dear Friend;

Here we are nearing the holiday of Thanksgiving. It is amazing that we celebrate on one day what represents one of the most powerful principles the Scriptures gives us in prayer. Philippians 4:6 tells us: Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Most people think prayer is telling God what He already knows. But this scripture tells us to make our requests "with thanksgiving." It also tells us that peace is a powerful benefit for praying this way. Isn't it amazing that we have a holiday that should point us in such a powerful direction?

Colossians 2:6&7 says: As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Paul commands us to walk in Christ being rooted and built up in Him. The words "walk ye" are in the active imperative while the words "rooted and built up" are in the passive. In other words, we actively choose to stay in Christ and He roots us and builds us up in Him! THAT IS WHY WE "ABOUND THEREIN WITH THANKSGIVING! So often religion demands we do everything ourselves with our own effort and strength. I have found that I need my Savior to root me and build me up. I have also learned that as I do what I can do--walk in Him--I find myself suddenly able to do what I could not do before. As I keep the Word of God in front of me, as I pray and maintain my relationship (in other words, walk in Him) I am more rooted and stronger (or built up) to work for Him. I am established in the faith. When I am not using EVERY bit of strength I have to hold my flesh in check, it gives me more strength to walk in HIM. This is the victorious life cycle that He promises us. It is literally OUR CHOICE empowered by Him.

With these things fresh in our minds, we have much to thank God for here at Harris Ministries. YOU are a HUGE blessing to us for which we are overwhelmingly thankful. It is amazing to have such faithful people partnering in ministry with us. We know that there are many things that you could choose to spend your time, prayer and finances on but you choose to continue to partner with us! God is so good and we are thankful to Him for YOU!

As you start into the holiday season, know that you are loved and appreciated! We pray daily that you will be blessed above measure and we are believing that you and your family will be healthy and safe in the New Year!

In appreciation, be blessed,

Carl, Terri, & Lilly  
Your Evangelists