



GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message (November 18, 2012)

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Text: Titus 2:11-15

Introduction: This is often regarded as the most wonderful time of the year (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year). It is a time when our minds focus on spiritual things. In this morning's message I would like to direct our minds toward **Titus 2:11-15** and the words of Paul. The apostle is tenderly showing us that anyone can worship and give thanks, but it takes a special person to take thanksgiving and turn it into thanks-living! Let's study together.....

Discussion:

I. The Beauty of God's Grace (v.11)

Ephesians 2:4-10

II. The Benefits of Godly Living (v.12)

II Corinthians 1:12-14

III. The Blessed Hope of God's Promises (v.13)

I Thessalonians 5:4-8

IV. The Blood of God's Son (v.14)

Ephesians 2:12-13

V. The Book of God's Love (v.15)

II Timothy 3:16-17

Conclusion: Please read the third chapter of Titus and you will see that once you travel down the path of thanksgiving, it will change you forever! Once you have had your sins forgiven you should be eternally thankful to God for His great salvation. Paul praised God by saying that this gift was "incomprehensible" in **II Corinthians 9:15**. Are you saved? Have you experienced the grace of God? Are you ready to come in contact with the blood of Jesus? How are you sharing the love of God? Instead of just celebrating Thanksgiving this year, let's practice Thanksliving!

WORD OF THE DAY = "THANKS"