

From Herlong with LOVE

Happy Thanksgiving

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Wow! What a Concept; Actually being HAPPY in our Thanksgiving! Sounds like a great idea for a song or a church.... Happy and thankful.

I am thankful for so many things; but especially for you, and i mean YOU specifically for I am very fond of you individually and together. Each every and all of you are great blessings to me; just to know that you are in my life and giving me this chance to say I LOVE YOU more than ever before, and more than you may ever imagine possible.

One of my themes this year has been being grateful in all things and joyous in all my thanks giving both to you and to God Himself. Without His gifts of life and LOVE none of this would exist or even be possible.

You know all the special things you did this year to bring me a blessing and great joy. Learning more of HIM so that I can love you better has been the greatest highlight of my year.

Can you find joy in all of your challenges each day? I found out that was one of my greatly dependent choices of greater submission to HIS will and word. I have had a great and joyous time this year for which I give total credit and thanks to my Loving Living KING Jesus. No; I do not know what tomorrow will bring and in reality do not care for I know that I will be thankful in it also.

It has been many years since I concerned myself about all my tomorrows for they are not mine until they become today, that is His present.

Yes; I take great joy in being great grandfather this year; but really I have been for more years than that for a lot of young people who adopted me as grandpa have made me greatfully great grandpa many times before. Yes; I love each in their own special way, even those I do not hear from except by rumor or remote control.

My health is another place where I give great thanks to HIM who controls all or can as He chooses to. I am highly blessed among men with wonderful friends, family, and health. I am still 20 or so pounds heavier than I would like with Cholesterol that has crept up a few points each year, probably primarily to the prison diet; no action is needed and I have no concerns over it being a problem.

Knowing my grands are all growing up so fast makes more room for greatness.

In this week of celebration and feasting I want to remind you to be great in your Happiness of giving HIM thanks for all He has given YOU and me in HIS LOVE and grace. For years I tried to write a list and was terrible at it, probably because I had not found enough submission to be happy and joyful in thanking HIM for all the great things HE has done and allowed me to do.

Being thankful and joyful every day is the goal and this one day we are all reminded to be thanful in our food, fun, and LOVE.

**I LOVE YOU DEARLY AND THANK GOD FOR YOU.**