

November 20, 2016  
**“Being Thankful for the Right Reasons”**  
**(Colossians 1:11-20)**

Most of us are mature enough in our faith to recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ is a most dangerous holiday.

Some specific things we ought to be thankful for:

**#1.- Our \_\_\_\_\_**

An inheritance is a \_\_\_\_\_ - a gift that is dependent on someone else's efforts.

One of the consequences of the New Birth in Christ is that we automatically, \_\_\_\_\_, at that moment become \_\_\_\_\_ of all that God has in store for us.

\_\_\_\_\_, however, is part of our inheritance as \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Christ \_\_\_\_\_ it, we simply \_\_\_\_\_ it.

We forget that if heaven was based on \_\_\_\_\_, each of us would be in great difficulty as well.

However, we must \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the inheritance that Christ bestows on us.

That is the only requirement. We must \_\_\_\_\_ it.

**#2.- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.**

Without the incarnation, there would be no \_\_\_\_\_.

We may have differences, but one point we all agree; God became \_\_\_\_\_ and dwelt among us.

It was essential that the God of all creation take upon himself the flesh and frailty of \_\_\_\_\_.

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**#3.- Our \_\_\_\_\_ in the family of God.**

*“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”*

- Colossians 1:19-20 -

Christ made the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ in our behalf. Without that love we are all \_\_\_\_\_ in a strange and hostile universe.

This inclusion made possible by one who took creation's longest walk – from the \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven to a \_\_\_\_\_ in Bethlehem to a lonely \_\_\_\_\_, and back to heaven again.

These are things for which all of us can be thankful!