

Harvest Thanksgiving



Acts 14:8-18;
Romans 1:18-23

- what is wrong with the world

**GOD is the source of all
good**

➤ all good things do come from God to us ¹

➤ thanksgiving should go from us to God ²

**INGRATITUDE is the root
of all evil**

➤ ingratitude ³

➤ idolatry ⁴

➤ independence

➤ indignation ⁵

**JESUS is the gift for all
people**

➤ what has God done ⁶

➤ what we need to do ⁷

¹ Acts 14:15-17; Genesis 1:1; James 1:17

² Romans 1:19-20; Psalm 139:14; Revelation 4:9-11;
Psalms 35:18; 95:1-2; 100:4-5

³ Romans 1:21-22

⁴ Acts 14:11; Romans 1:22-25

⁵ Romans 1:18

⁶ Luke 6:35; Acts 14:15; 2 Corinthians 9:15

⁷ Romans 2:4

Acts 14:8-18

⁸ In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked. ⁹ He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed ¹⁰ and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

¹¹ When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" ¹² Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. ¹³ The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

¹⁴ But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: ¹⁵ "Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way. ¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy." ¹⁸ Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

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Romans 1:18-23

¹⁸ The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹ since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

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Ingratitude is the root of all evil, for it robs God of His honor and gives it to the self.

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