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with thanksgiving,
And into His courts
with praise. Be
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bless His name. ⁵For
the LORD is good; His
mercy is everlasting,
And His truth endures
to all generations.**

Psalm 100:4-5 (NKJV)

Dear Partners and Friends,

Thanksgiving

The early Pilgrims and the Wampanoag Indians celebrated what is considered the first Thanksgiving in October 1621, after their fall harvest. This celebration lasted for three days and came out of a treaty between the Pilgrims and Wampanoag Indians in which they swore to protect each other and always be at peace.

In 1863 President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday, one when we

celebrate with gratitude a day of thanksgiving or giving thanks to God for His abundant blessings.

President Lincoln did this at a time when our country was engaged in a civil war where brother fought against brother. In the enduring conflict, so many lives were lost that a devastating influence of bitterness was instilled in the hearts of many.

A woman spoke to President Lincoln from bitterness of heart toward the Southern people, saying, "Sir, they are our enemies." Lincoln responded to her by saying, "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?"

Philippians 4:6-7 (CEV)

⁶ Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

⁷ Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel.

I believe that President Lincoln understood the benefit for the American people in taking their focus off themselves in relation to the issues of life they were experiencing. Being thankful helps keep us from vain imaginings in foolish reasonings, which leads to all kinds of speculations in our thinking.

In Romans 1:21, it says, *“Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened”* (NKJV).

Daniel is a lifestyle example of a believer who understood the value of expressing gratitude.

Daniel 6:10 (NKJV)

Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

Daniel’s circumstances were not a hindrance to his prayer of thanksgiving, because of his relationship with God. When you are truly grateful to God, you just simply won’t stop expressing what is already in your heart. Acknowledging what is right about God is a direct benefit for your heart beliefs, especially in challenging times, as Daniel demonstrated.

To thank someone is to express gratitude as someone has been gracious in their gifts of kindness toward us. This expression of gratitude shows the sincerity of our hearts in response to their kindness.

In celebrating our holiday of Thanksgiving, we are expressing gratitude to God as we put ourselves in remembrance of His goodness toward us through Jesus Christ.

Psalms 100:4-5 (NKJV)

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations.

In the month of November, we will be ministering to Russia through the internet service Zoom and enjoying the holiday with family and friends here in Colorado.

Lisa and I are very grateful to you, our friends and partners of this ministry, as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that you, our partners, are greatly prospering—spirit, soul, and body—as you experience increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God’s richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

Blessings in Christ,

Cecil + Lisa



Issues of the Heart Book: **Real Forgiveness Benefits Us**

Forgiveness doesn't exonerate people from what they've done. No, forgiveness is for *us*!

When we release offenders from our judgment of what they've done, we will be the ones who benefit. When we release them from the offense we hold against them, it will bring peace to our hearts. When we let go of all we believe about why they did what they did and instead take hold of God's perspective, we allow love to cover a multitude of sins.

Proverbs tells us, ***"He who covers an offense promotes love; but he who repeats a matter separates best friends"*** (Prov. 17:9, emphasis added).

Allowing love to cover the offense is the law of love. In other words, this is the love of the

New Covenant—God's love toward us. This is God's love in the hearts of believers and how He instructs us to relate to each other with His love.

God's kind of love covers, but human judgment always wants to expose. When we feel offended by the wrong that people do and hold on to that grudge because we believe the person has deliberately set out to hurt us, our assumptions are controlling our emotions and our responses.

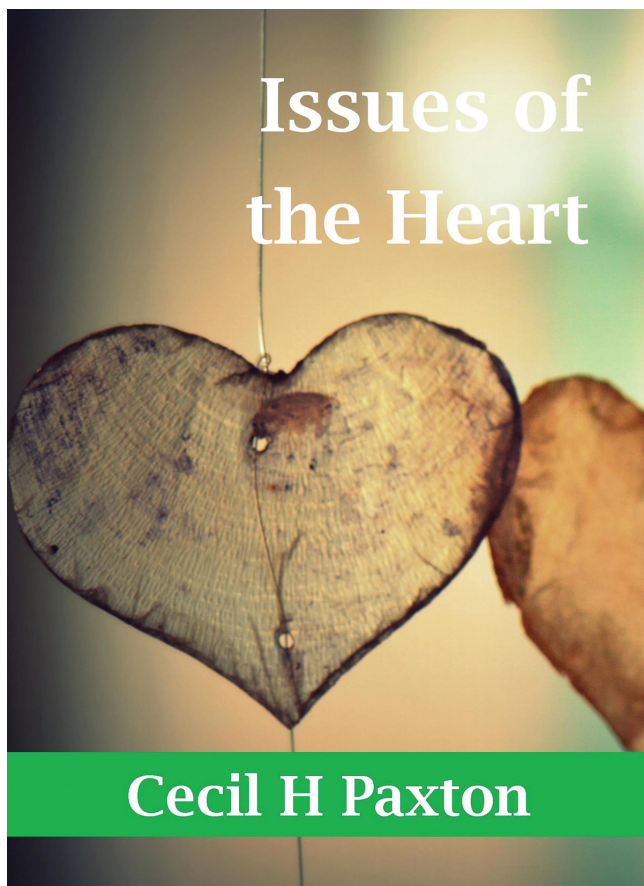
When that happens, we believe they need to be corrected. We believe they need to be judged. We reckon they need to be punished, especially if their actions have had a severe impact on us. But the reality is this: love covers transgressions and sets us free!

TESTIMONIES

During our last travels, we had the opportunity to minister through prayer healing to a man who had been a Muslim but had accepted Jesus. Also, we ministered to his wife, who is still in the Islam religion but received a wonderful manifestation of healing, with symptoms leaving her body.

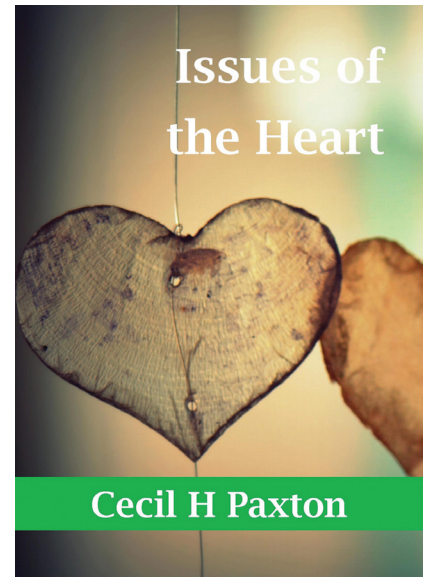
Another man who had trouble walking received and walked fine. The doctors found a spot on his lung, and after prayer, he went to his appointment, and the doctor said the spot was complete gone. Praise God!

A lady who had trouble sleeping at night because of a problem in her neck and back, after prayer, was healed and slept great that night.



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How to Receive healing from God • Issues of the Heart

We are offering these books to you at **10% off**.
To get this discount orders **must go through our website**.

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End of Year Giving

Though your love and generous support this year we have been able to go and touch many lives here in the United States and around the world bringing God's presence to His people. Thank You!

Also for those of you who would like to give an end of the year donation your envelope needs to be postmarked by a December 31st 2020 date then we will be able to credit your gift as a 2020 donation. Donations given through the website will need to be completed during 2020 to qualify as a 2020 donation. **Thank You!**