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Dear Friends,

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh;² That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;³ In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.⁴ And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words.⁵ For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.⁹ For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (Colossians 2:1-10 KJV)

Thanksgiving, what a wonderful time of the year. Yet it is strange to think that we only have one day of thanksgiving when thanksgiving is the single appropriate disposition of the Christian life. Paul indicates this very clearly as he says that being in Christ we should abound in thanksgiving at all times. We should acknowledge the gift of God in Christ and being found in Him walk in newness of life with thanksgiving. Our lives are full with the fullness of being in Christ. What else can we be but thankful? Yet the fallen human being always pushes for more, never satisfied with the work of God in Christ it is driven into false holinesses and phony pieties of human tradition and empty deceit. How sad it is if these things are substituted for the completion of all things found in Christ. It is this falseness that the sixteenth century reformers sought to correct by restoring the New Testament teaching of justification by grace through faith alone. Only when we recover and understand this can we properly assign the completion of God's work to Christ alone and give Him the glory due Him through the kindness of His Father and ours.

As we approach thanksgiving may these words be in our hearts and mind; "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.¹⁰ And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:" (Colossians 2:9-10 KJV). Complete in Him, thank you Lord. May the blessing of Christ keep us all in daily thanksgiving and bless you and yours in the days to come.

In Christ,

Jay Weidner



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**Upcoming
Seminary Service Schedule
7 p.m.**

November

- 1st - Marc Tumberg @ Laurium
- 8th - Dennis Hannu @ S. Range
- 15th - Marc Tumberg @ Painesdale
- 22nd - Dennis Hannu @ Zion
- 29th - No Service -Thanksgiving

December

- 6th - Marc Tumberg @ Seminary
- 13th - Dennis Hannu @ Laurium
- 20st - Marc Tumberg @ Zion



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for GivingPlus® Program

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