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God Reigns

November—is a month with significant dates:

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 5 Election Day
- 11 Veteran's Day
- 28 Thanksgiving Day

Other than all occurring in November, what do these days have in common? They refer to the Sovereignty of our Lord.

- All Saints' Day is when we remember the saints in heaven who have gone before us.
- Election Day is when the country chooses leaders to whom we are to be subject (Romans 13:1) *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*
- Veteran's Day is a day of celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.
- And Thanksgiving Day is the day set aside to acknowledge the many blessings we have received from our Lord.



In respect to how God provided for the early settlers of our country, here is an excerpt from George Washington's First Thanksgiving Proclamation in 1789:

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly implore His protections, aid and favors.

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protections of the people of this country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

There is a lot of history revolving around how and when

Thanksgiving became a national holiday; however, for Christians, our thanksgiving is an act of faith. A faith we exercise as we offer praise and worship. In fact,

Thanksgiving Day owes much to the love, grace and mercy of Jesus who gave Himself on Calvary for our salvation. Everything about Christ is marked with the grace of giving. He gave us heaven and earth. He gave Himself into the hands of sinful men that He might give out His unfathomable love to all. His has been the "giving". Our response is thankfulness through repentance and faith as we sing in praise and worship. *Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!* (2 Corinthians 9:15) Let us be mindful of offering our gratitude for God's sovereign will being displayed in our nation, our communities, our churches and in our hearts.



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