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Happy Thanksgiving brothers and sisters. We need to spend time today thanking God for all He has done for us. While this is not a biblical holiday, we can celebrate it in our own way. Being thankful for all God provided for us and protecting us. Remember this was the reason for the first thanksgiving with the pilgrims thanking God for the harvest, new friends and a new chance at life.

Psalm 136:1 New International Version

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[1] Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures forever.

We need to first give thanks to the Lord. He gave us all this for His glory. Rejoyce in him! When we accept Him, we are promised to be with him. We live to share His good news. Remember this, as you celebrate with your family and have fun today. Don't worry about the parade that was canceled or the relative that had too much to drink tonight, think of all the good things. We need to be thankful in everything we do. As we walk this world. Remember this.

Philippians 4:6 New International Version

[6] Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

So calm yourself and enjoy. One thing I learned from those I minister to in the nursing homes is the remember the good. Those folks lived through world war one and two, The great depression and the Spanish flu. When you talk to them, they recall memories of picking fruit from the vines and trees and them getting to eat some of it. Remembering the flavor and spending time with their family while they did it. What then did not mention or dwell on is the parents lost their jobs and it was during the great depression and the only job available was picking this fruit. The upside was you got to eat some of it and take the bad fruit home for meals. They remembered the good. Friends, let us remember the good as well.

Ephesians 2:8 New International Version

[8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—

We are saved and get to spend forever in heaven not by our works but his grace.

Rejoicing in His grace,

Chaplain Tony