

## Bermudian Church of the Brethren

**WEDNESDAY'S WORD** – a midweek thought from Pastor Larry M. Dentler  
to share a word of inspiration ... encouragement ... challenge ... a smile ... in the middle of your week  
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# THANK YOU, LORD

It's a simple little chorus that many of us learned in the days long before choruses were popular!  
It's a blessed little song that often is remembered and sung for Thanksgiving Worship. *"Thank You, Lord."*

But did you know that the chorus is really the refrain of a full hymn, written by Seth & Bessie Sykes in 1940 while traveling by train between Edinburgh and Glasgow Scotland? Seth Sykes had been a train conductor and in 1929, felt led of the Lord to leave his job and begin a ministry of full time evangelism. Seth & Bessie traveled all over the United Kingdom conducting Revivals and are responsible for many coming to faith. In the days long before computer projection or even overhead projectors, they used a form of projection called *"Lantern Slides"* to project pictures on a screen to tell the Gospel story. They became very popular attracting large crowds and had even been invited to come to America, but with the advent of World War II those plans were set aside. Their hymn *"Thank You, Lord,"* is best known just for its chorus which has been translated into more than 70 languages around the world. It was a staple of Vacation Bible Schools in the 1950s and beyond along with another Bessie Sykes chorus, *"Running Over."*

While the chorus still is a wonderful statement of faith, the entire hymn is a blessing.

- 1) Some thank the Lord for friends and home,  
For mercies sure and sweet;  
But I would praise Him for His grace —  
In prayer I would repeat:

### CHORUS

Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul,  
Thank You, Lord, for making me whole;  
Thank You, Lord, for giving to me  
Thy great salvation so rich and free.

- 2) Some thank Him for the flow'rs that grow,  
Some for the stars that shine;  
My heart is filled with joy and praise  
Because I know He's mine.

- 3) I trust in Him from day to day,  
I prove His saving grace;  
I'll sing this song of praise to Him  
Until I see His face.

***“Thank God for this gift too wonderful for words!”*** 2 Corinthians 9:15 NLT

I wish for all of you ... each of you ... a wonderful Thanksgiving! I pray you can gather with friends and family for a delicious Thanksgiving Feast. I pray you can enjoy a tasty turkey, with all the great trimmings, and pumpkin pie and Aunt Suzy's green bean casserole!!! And your choice of “in-bird” or “out-of-bird” stuffing/dressing/filling! I pray you will pause to give Thanks for all the wonderful blessings that the Lord has showered upon you. But I pray most of all that you will lift your hearts toward heaven and sing with all that's in you, *“Thank You, Lord, for saving my soul.....”*

Thank-Full! Pastor Larry <><