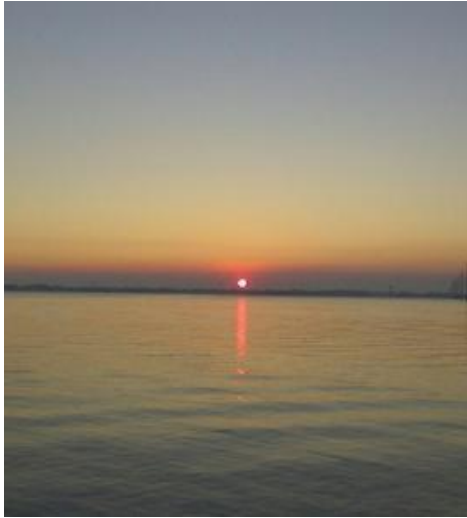


## Happy Thanksgiving - Happy *Thanksgiving*

"From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised" Psalm 113:3



As we were overlooking the Indian River, my great nephew stood in awe of the beautiful sunset. All he could let out was an enormous "It is so awesome". As four generations of our family stood together and watched the sun set in the west, Psalm 113:3 went through my mind. God, our ever faithful God, is worthy of my praise in all places and at all times. That's what *thanksgiving* is all about.

No, that wasn't a typo. Thanksgiving is much more than a day - it is truly a way of life. Someone once said that a Christian is Alleluia from head to foot. God's goodness is touching my life at all times and in all places. His abiding love is showered on me. His faithfulness is as sure as the sun rising and the sun setting.

Because **God is good** and because no evil thing can come from Him, I praise Him. For *every problem* that I fret over, **God has an answer**. And those answers are found in His word and those answers put on flesh in His Son Jesus Christ who went to the cross, died and rose again so that I will have eternal life.

*Thanksgiving* takes place because God is in control. *Thanksgiving* is an outcome of the peace that you and I have knowing that Christ has won the victory over sin, death and the power of the devil. *Thanksgiving* is a result of the Holy Spirit working love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) in us. We cannot but praise the Triune God who in love created and still sustains us, who in love redeems us for eternal life and who in love sanctifies us and empowers us to live a life filled with thanksgiving.