

*From the "teachers' lounge" of our Northwest Iowa Protestant Reformed School comes an article, appropriate to the season, written a year ago by administrator/teacher Skip Hunter for the Doon constituency. It has, of course, general applicability; so we're glad to include it here.*

## THANKSGIVING

Skip Hunter

Two days from now is the day set aside for our national day of Thanksgiving. According to our church order our church will call us to worship on that day. We will undoubtedly hear a message from God's word calling for us to give thanks to Him. Then what? With Thanksgiving Day over will the command to give thanks still be ringing in our ears?

How do we as students, parents, and teachers continue to give thanks as we carry out the calling of covenant education? Do we as teachers begin the day with personal prayer asking God to help us to thank Him as we teach the covenant seed? Do we as parents and students begin the day with a prayer of thanksgiving for our school? Each of our rooms begins the day with singing. Many of the psalms are psalms of gratitude for what God has done for us. How do we sing them? Thankfully or grudgingly? What about the school work itself? Are we as teachers thankful for the opportunity to teach the covenant seed in a school set up expressly

for that purpose? Are we as parents glad we have a school which can be a true extension of the home? Are we as students happy that we can learn the truth about God's creation? Those are a lot of questions. What are our answers?

How can we give thanks to God? We all have the old man of sin in us. We confess that our best works are as filthy rags. How can we thank God in our condition? We all by the grace of God can and must thank Him. Only by the unmerited favor of God are we able to thank Him. Only because His Son died on the cross are we able to thank Him for all the blessings He has given us throughout this year. Only on the basis of His love can we continue to expect blessings from Him.

Let us make it our daily prayer as parents, teachers, and students to thank Him for our means of covenant instruction. Let us thank God above all for the gift of His Son, our Saviour.

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