

## Message notes for Sunday November 19, 2017

### “The Thanksgiving Response”

Luke 17:11-19

When we think of the characters of Thanksgiving, what usually comes to mind? Pilgrims, Squanto and other Indians? Or football, turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie?

Rarely would we think of individuals with leprosy. Yet one of the great texts on Thanksgiving is found in Luke 17, the account of ten lepers who were miraculously cleansed of their disease by the Lord Jesus Christ.

You would expect all of them to be extremely thankful for this miracle, and to express their thankfulness to the Lord without delay. However, according to Luke’s Gospel that’s not what happened.

- I. Their condition (11,12) In a word, Leprosy
  - a. The nature of leprosy
  - b. The parallel with the human condition (sin)
  - c. Their cry for help
- II. Jesus’ provision (13, 14)
  - a. He spoke...
  - b. They went...
  - c. They were cleansed!
- III. The Samaritan’s reaction (15-19)
  - a. Only one returned to express his thankfulness
  - b. “Where are the nine?” (Jesus’ question)

Our responses (19)

- a. Trust Christ
- b. Live thankfully