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Sermon Notes for November 15th, 2026

"Preparing Our Hearts for Thanksgiving"
"This is the Day the Lord Has Made; Let Us Rejoice and Be Glad in It"

Sermon Text: **Psalm 118:19-29;** New Testament Text: **Romans 6:16-18;** Gospel Text: **Mark 12:28-31.** Read **Psalm 118:19-29** below, then answer the questions that follow.

Psalm 118:19-29: Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. [20] This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. [21] I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. [22] The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. [23] This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. [24] This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. [25] Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success! [26] Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord. [27] The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! [28] You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. [29] Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

1. Read **Psalm 118:19.** When the psalmist says, "***Open to me the gates of righteousness,"*** to what is he referring?

2. Why does the psalmist wish to enter?

3. Read **Psalm 118:20.** Now read **John 10:7.** Explain how Jesus ultimately serves as the ***gate for the righteous.***

4. Read **Psalm 118:21.** For what is the psalmist most thankful?

5. Read **Psalm 118:22.** To what is the psalmist prophetically pointing in this verse?

6. Who often referred to himself in the New Testament with this verse of scripture?

7. Read **Psalm 118:23.** Why does the psalmist call this ***marvelous?***

8. Read **Psalm 118:24.** If we are walking with the Lord, why should we be able to ***rejoice and be glad in any day—no matter what that day might bring?***

9. Read **Psalm 118:25.** Why is this verse always an appropriate verse to pray?

10. Read **Psalm 118:26.** To whom is the first line of this verse referring?

11. Explain what the second line of this verse means.

12. Read **Psalm 118:27.** To what is this verse prophetically pointing concerning the Messiah?

13. How will God ***make his light shine upon them?***

14. Read **Psalm 118:28-29.** How could doing what these two verses proclaim greatly increase our understanding of God's greatness & love for us?

15. What will you remember most from this message?