

ALTAPASS ALLEGORIES

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History Lesson 101: What did we learn in school about the first Thanksgiving? If I remember correctly it was in 1621. The Pilgrims were very thankful for a good harvest so they planned a great celebration. They also invited 90 Native Americans to join them.

I don't know if turkey was the main dish...maybe, maybe not. Geese, ducks, deer, and fish were also readily available. Whether it was turkey or some other meat it certainly was not cooked in an oven, microwave, or deep fried; it was slow cooked over an open flame. Furthermore, it didn't come from a supermarket deep freeze, already prepared for roasting. And they didn't turn on a cooking show to learn the latest method for preparing anything. They couldn't drive to a local fruit stand or farmer's market for their vegetables. No, what they had came from hard work. Dessert was probably not an option, but it was certainly not a congealed salad or ice cream.

Their table would not have been from polished wood but, instead, was rough lumber boards cut from the surrounding forest. The thought of table decorations never entered their minds. Neither did they have a closet full of clothes to choose from. They came to the table in the same clothing they wore every day. They were just thankful to have clothing.

The celebration lasted three days. When it was over they didn't sit down in an easy chair to watch their favorite team play football. These people could not even dream of the conveniences we have. In spite of this, they were so thankful for what they had that they invited 90 others to share in their bounty. With not one electric dishwasher to be had!

As the old saying goes, "We've come a long way!" How do our thankful hearts measure up to theirs?

Ephesians 5:20

Happy Thanksgiving!