



## **WOW: Word Of the Week**

### **Thanksaction**

**November 21, 2023**

No mistake! This week's word is a literal translation from Spanish to English. What we know as "thanksgiving" is described in Spanish as "action of thanks." Acción de gracias. I like that! We give thanks. But what are the specific actions by which I express gratitude?

What is the best action I can come up with for Thanksgiving, for expressing thanks? Is it really stuffing myself with stuffing and turkey?

What if a part of our "thanksaction" was taking time to remember God's blessings and sharing those memories with others? What if a part of our "thanksaction" was sharing our spiritual blessings with others? Or sharing our physical blessings? What if a part of our "thanksaction" included a time of expressing gratitude to God? A holiday, some free time, spent with God, simply sharing gratitude! Count your blessings! Count your spiritual blessings!

What if we were to escape the cultural and societal expectations of the Thanksgiving holiday? Paul writes that the pagans do not know how to give thanks to God (Rom. 1:21). Paul also writes that the real cause of thanksgiving is spiritual delivery (Rom. 6:17—obeying the teaching; 1 Cor. 15:57—assured of victory).

Paul gave thanks continually for Christians in the churches he had established. What if we spent at least part of the day giving thanks for the many Christians who have crossed our paths and helped bring us to where we are today?

Again, Paul to the Corinthians, "thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift." What action can express our gratitude for salvation through Jesus?

I am pretty sure you have the idea by now! Thanksaction. This would be a good year to add "thanksaction" to your Thanksgiving Day!