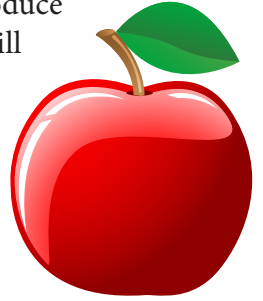


God in the Grocery Store

A recent trip to the grocery store was a great reminder of the goodness of God. Are you thinking that God doesn't go to the grocery store? – that He only goes to church. God goes everywhere we go. He lives in us and travels with us. He never leaves us alone (*Proverbs 15:3, Psalm 139:1-3*).

On your next grocery store visit, observe how amazing God is. Consider your fellow shoppers. Every one of them is different. God has created each person uniquely and no two people are alike. Each person is a “one of a kind” masterpiece (*Psalm 139:13-16*). Even though people are vastly different, they are all at the grocery store for the same reason. They are in need of something. God had promised to supply all our needs (*Philippians 4:13*).

In most grocery stores, you encounter the produce section when you walk in the front door. The produce isles take us right back to the book of Genesis and God's creation of fruit and veggies. “Every seed will produce more of its own kind” (*Genesis 1:11*). And sure enough, God's Word is true as we see red apples, juicy oranges, and ripe bananas – all from their original seed.



Next, we move on to the snack isle. Consider the potato chips. So many different brands, varieties, and flavors appeal to our sense of taste. Cheese-flavored, sour cream and onion, BBQ, and lightly salted. Potato chips are a great side for a sandwich, and let's not forget Who grew those potatoes.

On to the bread isle. Loaves of wheat, white, rye, and pumpernickel. Bagels, baguettes, and pita pockets. Sweetbreads, rolls, and buns in every shape and size imaginable. The bread section is a great reminder to us that Jesus gives us “our daily bread”. Jesus is our daily bread and in *John 6:35* He declares, “I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to Me will never go hungry and whoever believes in Me will never be thirsty”.



Speaking of thirst, it's time to move to the beverage isle. From juice to tea, protein shakes, coffee, soda and beyond—we Americans drink a lot, of a lot of things—but none more than water. Water quenches the thirst like nothing else can. Nothing satisfies the thirst like water. And nothing satisfies the soul like Jesus. In *John 4:14*, Jesus says, “But whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life”.

So, Friend, have you received this water that Jesus offers? Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior? In *John 3:5* Jesus says, “Truly, truly I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”. Our hope and prayer, is that you know Jesus as your Savior. Drink Him in – He nourishes and satisfies the soul.

Speaking of water and Jesus, would you please pray for us as our summer activities and underway here at The Christian Center. As our athletes quench their thirst with drinking water, our desire is to share with them their need for spiritual water-JESUS!

Thank you, Friend, for taking your time to trek through the grocery store with us. May it be a reminder to each of us that our God is amazing. He is faithful and He is in our everyday lives. He meets our needs, feeds our physical bodies and saves our souls. And may you partake in *Psalm 34:8* which says, “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him”.

God bless,
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