

"Thanks God!"

Three Reasons to Be Really Thankful



Colossians 1:12b-14

¹¹ ...joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (NIV)

1. Thank God for _____

2. Thank God for _____

3. Thank God for _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Few tolerate ingrates gladly. We all seem to share our Maker's aversion to ingratitude. Describe your feelings in response to someone's obvious lack of thankfulness for something you did for them.

Read Luke 17:11-18. What is your reaction to the realization that there have been times you have failed to thank God for the good things he has done for you?

Read Luke 6:35-36. In what way does this passage highlight God's incredible grace? How does it challenge your lack of grace in response to ungrateful people?

2. If you are a Christian, write out two great things you are anticipating about being a part of God's coming kingdom.

Write out a prayer of thanksgiving that you have been secured a place there.

3. Think about your sin and what it deserves. Write out a prayer that thanks God for his mercy toward you.

4. Having experienced people who are unfaithful and fickle, what does it mean to you that God has extended his permanent love and unfailing forgiveness through the merit of his Son?

5. Read Psalm 69:30-31. What will you do to remind yourself to "please God" in this way *everyday* by giving thanks to him?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ezk.6-8 & Phil.3-4

Monday

Ezk.9-10 & Col.1-2

Tuesday

Ezk.11-13 & Col.3-4

Wednesday

Ezk.14-15 & 1Th.1-2

Thursday

Ezk.16-18 & 1Th.3-4

Friday

Ezk.19-20 & 1Th.5

Saturday

Ezk.21-23 & 2Th.1-2