

And Be Thankful

I. The Importance of Thankfulness

1. Ingratitude Opens the Door to Sin (*Rom. 1:21*)
2. Giving Thanks is a Way to Praise God.
 - Equated with "Giving Praise" (*Lk. 17:16-1*)
 - As a part of public worship (*1 Cor. 14:16-17*)
 - A Component of Heavenly Worship (*Rev. 4:9; 11:15*)
 - Gives glory to God (*2 Cor. 4:15*)
3. Giving Thanks has Spiritual Benefits
 - Overcoming Evil (*Eph. 5:4*)
 - Remaining Watchful (*Col. 4:2*)
 - Finding Contentment (*Php. 4:6; Col. 3:15-17*)

II. Godly Thankfulness

1. Abounding (*Col. 2:7*)
2. Constant (*Eph. 5:20*)
3. In All Circumstances (*1 Thess. 5:18*)

III. Things to be Thankful For

1. God's Provision (*Acts 27:35; 1 Tim. 4:3-4*)
2. Our Church Family (*Rom. 6:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; Rom. 16:3-4*)
3. What God has Done for Us
 - His Inexpressible Gift (*2 Cor. 9:15*)
 - Qualifying us for an Inheritance (*Col. 1:12*)
 - Victory Through Christ (*2 Cor. 2:14; 1 Cor. 15:57-58*)