

“While Others Are Judging God Is Loving! (In All Things, Give Thanks! pt. 3)”

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{All scriptures are NIV84 unless stated}

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (MSG)

Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

Be joyful always.

Pray continually.

Give thanks in all circumstances.

This is God’s will for you.

Give THANKS in all circumstances.

In All Things Give Thanks!

We are finishing the teaching this month.

This Month We Are Talking About 3 Categories To Give Thanks For:

- 1. Giving Thanks To God For Our Inner Being**
- 2. Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World**
- 3. Giving Thanks To God For His Love**

We started the month talking about our Inner Being.

Our Inner Being

Our Inner Being is everything that makes us up as an individual.

The things that make us up as a person.

These are the things we can and SHOULD be giving thanks for AT ALL TIMES.

Giving Thanks To God For Our Inner Being:

- 1. God Is Our Healer**
- 2. God Is Our Protector**
- 3. God Is Our Restorer**

Check the message from first Sunday for a review.

Last week:

Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World

Our Outer World are the things that influence the things we interact with.

Things that affect our lives but external things.

Giving Thanks To God For Our Outer World:

- 1. God Provides Constant Blessings**
- 2. God Provides Provision For Us**
- 3. God Gives Us Victory Over Our Battles**

Today:

Giving Thanks To God For His Love

Just like the last 2 weeks, we're giving thanks for 3 categories:

Giving Thanks To God For His Love

- 1. God Loves Us**
- 2. God Leads Us**
- 3. God Forgives Us**

Used last week:

Psalm 106:1

1 Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good!

give thanks - because his love endures forever!

Endures - lasts...pushes through.

pushes through time.

You Can't Outlive God's Love!

Psalm 103:17-18

17 But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— 18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

God's Love For Us Will Never Go Away!

pushes through adversity and trials

God loves us with an unconditional love!

Isaiah 54:10

10 Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

God Will Love You Through Everything!

Let's talk about unconditional love.

God's Unconditional Love

While others may love us with a love that is based on conditions...

Many of us have lost love from our friends.

Many of us may not have a good relationship with our parents.

God Is Consistent And Loves WITHOUT Conditions!

Psalm 27:10 (AMP)

Although my father and my mother have abandoned me, Yet the LORD will take me up [adopt me as His child].

that is conditional love.

it's love...but based on conditions.

Here is how to explain what that means:

- **God Loves Us Unconditionally**
- **We Didn't Earn God's Love**
- **We Can't Separate Ourselves From God's Love**

God Loves Us!

Ephesians 3:18-19

17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Paul's prayer is that WE get ANY type of idea of what God's love looks like.

To grasp how wide God's love is.

To see how long and high God's love is...

To do that...

Imagine the person/people you love more than anything.

"How much do you love them?"

Think that God loves you this much.

Verse 18-19

18 may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge...

then to see that his love surpasses knowledge.

This means that "whatever you can describe can't describe."

God's Love For You Is Greater Than You Imagine!

Whatever you think you know...you don't know enough.

Be Thankful That You Have A God Who Loves You Through All Things, And That Will Never Change!

That was #1, God Loves Us.

2. God Leads Us!

Isaiah 30:21

21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

As we live our lives...God will always be there to talk to us...to lead us...to guide us.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left...

If you are doing the right thing...

If you are doing the wrong thing...

God is saying you SHOULD be doing this!

Exodus 13:17-18

17 When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." 18 So God led the people around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. The Israelites went up out of Egypt armed for battle.

God did NOT lead them on the shorter route...

Because he was looking out for his people.

God was trying to bring them out.

If the people changed their minds...all this is for nothing.

Sometimes God Doesn't Lead Us On The Quick Path Because He Wants To Protect Us!

This is for people who want to be a millionaire overnight.

God doesn't lead us to ways that will do that because we could lose it immediately.

Don't Be In Such A Hurry You Lose What God Is Trying To Give You! Let GOD Lead!

We also know that God lead them in other ways also.

Exodus 13:21-22

21 By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. 22 Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.

God wants to lead us.

Psalm 23:2-3

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

He LEADS us...

We talked before about the significance of not JUST waters...but quiet.

Peaceful waters.

God Wants To Lead Us To Places Of Peace...Not Worry!

He guides in paths of righteousness...

He leads us to be holy...to be righteous!

Isaiah 42:16

16 I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

God Will Either Lead Us Away From Trouble Or Love Us Through It!

If you haven't been letting God lead you...it's time to start!

Be Thankful For A God Who Leads Us!

That was number 2 God Leads Us

3. God Forgives Us!

Psalm 103:1-5

1 Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. 2 Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits— 3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

God forgives ALL our sins...

He redeems our lives from the pit.

We are forgiven!

The things that separated us from God are no more!

Psalm 86:5

5 You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Some things only you know about...

God knows...and he has forgiven!

Isaiah 12:1

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

God's anger has turned...

He has forgiven.

Psalm 103:11-12

11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As far as the east is from the west...

It cannot be measured...

This is what the LORD has done with our sins!

The woman caught in adultery...

Jesus was the only one who could condemn her...

Not only did he NOT condemn her...

He shamed anyone who tried to do that.

God Loves You...God Has Forgiven You...You Are Worth Everything To Him!

Christ DIED for us!

We are forgiven...

While Others Are Judging You, God Is Loving You!

God gave his all...

We should be thankful.

We Should Be Thankful For A God Who Loves Us!

Recap:

Giving Thanks To God For His Love

- 1. God Loves Us**
- 2. God Leads Us**
- 3. God Forgives Us**

God is worthy of it.

If You Haven't Said It Today, "God Thank You!"