

An Attitude of Thankfulness

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

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"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"

Having a Relationship With God Leads Us Into a Life of Thankfulness

1 John 4:19, Romans 3:21-24

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(19) We love because he first loved us.

Romans 3:21-24 (NIV)

(21) But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.
(22) This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile,
(23) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(24) and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

How are we made righteous?
What can we be thankful for?

Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)

(6) So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,
(7) rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

How can we live in relationship with God?

Thankfulness Is a Choice

Psalms 118:1, Psalm 100:4

Psalms 118:1 (NIV)

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

Psalm 100:4 (NIV)

(4) Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

How should we enter Church or any other place we go?
What difference will this make to us and the people around us?

A New Lifestyle

Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

(11) Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee.
(12) As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance
(13) and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!"
(14) When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed.
(15) One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.
(16) He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.
(17) Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?
(18) Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?"
(19) Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

'Cleansed' and 'well' in Greek have different meanings. The men that were 'cleansed' were physically healed. The man that was made 'well' was physically, spiritually and emotionally whole. King James Version uses the words 'cleansed' and 'whole' respectively.
What did Jesus do for the ten men? Why?
What was different about the response of the Samaritan?
What blessing did he receive?

Ask a Friend

What has God done in your life that you are thankful for?
In what situations can you be thankful this week?

Prayer Model

Thank You, Lord, for the blessings in my life. Help me to give thanks at all times. I want to always have a thankful heart because You are good.

Key Verse

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