

Doctrine of Thanks

1. Jesus Feeds the Four Thousand--Before eating He gave thanks.

Mat 15:36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had "**given thanks**," he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people.

2. Unbelievers are not thankful for the work of Christ but substitute instead foolish thoughts replete with vanity and darkness.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither "**were thankful**"; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

3. At a time when tongues speaking was a wonderful means of communicating salvation doctrine to Jewish unbelievers, Paul teaches the Corinthians certain caveats using thanksgiving as his teaching aid.

1Co 14:16 If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your "**thanksgiving**," since he does not know what you are saying?

1Co 14:17 You may be "**giving thanks**" well enough, but the other man is not edified.

1Co 14:18 "**I thank**" God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

4. Early in His ministry, Jesus set the example of thankfulness and praise.

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus answered and said, **I thank thee**, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

5. Later in His ministry, when He brought Lazarus back from the dead, Jesus again set the example.

Joh 11:41 So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, **I thank you** that you have heard me.

Joh 11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

Joh 11:43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

6. At the end of His ministry we find Jesus also giving thanks to God.

Mat 26:27 And he took the cup, and **gave thanks**, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it;

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Mat 26:29 But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

Mat 26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

7. Many of those healed by Jesus gave thanks and praised God the Father. For example from

a paralyzed man

Luk 5:19 When they could not find a way to do this because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and lowered him on his mat through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus ...

Luk 5:24 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins..." He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

Luk 5:25 Immediately he stood up in front of them, took what he had been lying on and went home praising God.

Luk 5:26 Everyone was amazed and gave praise to God. They were filled with awe and said, "We have seen remarkable things today."

a formerly demon possessed man

Mar 5:18 As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.

Mar 5:19 Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Mar 5:20 So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

a woman who suffered from osteoporosis

Luk 13:11 and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

Luk 13:12 When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

Luk 13:13 Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

one of the ten lepers

Luk 17:15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

Luk 17:16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan.

blind Bartimaeus

Luk 18:42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

Luk 18:43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

8. A lame man healed by Peter jumped for joy and ran through the temple courts praising God.

Acts 3:7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Acts 3:8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

9. Scripture demands prayers of thanksgiving before eating.

Acts 27:35 After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat.

Acts 27:36 They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

1Ti 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

10. Paul uses the giving of thanks in an analogy teaching liberty versus license.

Rom 14:6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

11. Paul is thankful for those who assisted him even to the point of risking their life.

Rom 16:4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

12. Paul speaks of his thanks for the grace of God in saving him and how it is his same grace teachings now causing him trouble.

1Co 10:30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

13. Paul is thankful for the prayer support of many in the church at Corinth.

2Co 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

14. Paul expresses his personal thanks to God for the success of his ministry.

2Co 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

15. Paul give thanks to God for placing in Titus a desire to teach at Corinth.

2Co 8:16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

16. Paul is grateful for his gift and the gift of the many believers who have assisted him in gathering an offering for the saints at Jerusalem.

2Co 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

17. Paul is grateful for the believers at Ephesus.

Eph 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

18. Paul exhorts us to be thankful for all things.

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

19. Paul expresses thanksgiving for those in the Lychus Valley.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

20. Paul expresses similar thanks for those in Thessalonica.

1Th 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

1Th 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

2Th 2:13 But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

21. Paul asks Timothy to exhort prayers of thanks for all men but especially those placed in positions of authority.

1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

22. The anonymous writer of the book of Hebrews urges believers to be continually thankful to God.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

23. In heaven raptured saints are seen praising God before His throne and giving thanks for the wrath of God which descends on earth in the middle of the Tribulation.

Rev 4:9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

Rev 11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

24. The Old Testament is full of exhortations to praise and thank God for a plethora of actions and attributes; but often we are exhorted to thank Him for His simple presence.

2Sa 22:50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

1Ch 16:8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

1Ch 16:34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.
1Ch 16:35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

Ezr 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Psa 92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

Psa 105:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Psa 106:1 Praise ye the LORD. O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

Psa 106:47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto thy holy name, and to triumph in thy praise.

Psa 107:1 O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

Psa 118:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever.

Psa 118:29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

Psa 119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

Psa 136:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever.

Psa 136:2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psa 136:3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Dan 6:10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.