

An Attitude of Gratitude

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Introduction

1. Text Col 2:6-7
2. This coming Thursday our nation set aside time to think of the things we possess, and to be thankful for them.
3. This is something God has always wanted of His children. Deut 8:10; Ps 100:4; Col 2:6-7; 3:15; 1 Thess 5:18; 1 Tim 4:4
4. We have a lot for which to be thankful, which sometimes we take them for granted. An attitude of ingratitude!
5. This morning I would like to set forth three areas that we are to be thankful to God daily, and may we learn not to take them for granted!

II Discussion

- A. We are to be thankful for material things
 1. It is very easy to get caught up in the material world!
 2. Often we misplace our priorities, we make material things more important to us than anything else.
 3. How important is your job, school more important than family or friends?
 4. Yet God has instructed us to have an attitude of gratitude. Col 3:15; 1 Thess 5:18
 5. What should be our attitude toward material blessings? James 1:17; Deut 8:18; Eccl 5:19
 6. Everything that we have our jobs, money, homes, health, and the ability to work are from God!
 7. Yet there are some things that are more important than them, Matt 6:33; Ps 37:25
- B. We are to be thankful for spiritual things. Eph 1:3-12
 1. All spiritual blessings are only in Christ. Eph 1:3; Gal 3:26-27
 2. Some spiritual blessings for which we are to be thankful:
 - a. The word of God. Rom 1:16; John 12:48; Heb 1:2
 - b. Our loving Savior. John 3:16; 1 John 2:1-2
 - c. The church Col 1:18; Eph 5:23
 - d. The hope of eternal life. 1 John 5:13; Rev 2:10
- C. We ought to be thankful for life!
 1. Do you read the obituary everyday to see if you are in there?
 2. We ought to thank God for the air that we breathe, and the ability to breathe.
 3. This allows us the time and the opportunity to reflect on what we are here and that is to prepare for eternity!
 4. God desires all men to be saved. 1 Tim 2:4; John 17:17; 2 Peter 3:9
 5. We must obey Him. Luke 6:46; John 14:15; 15:14; Matt 7:21-23. John 12:48; 2 Thess 1:7-9; Eccl 12:13
 6. Sadly, many take this opportunity for granted and never obey!
 7. We must live faithful lives of obedience to our Creator. Gal 2:20; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Rev. 2:10

III Conclusion

1. The day of thanksgiving for the Christian must be every day!
2. Let us leave here this morning being more thankful than we have been in the past!
3. Let us obey Him now to enjoy the blessing forever

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