

Thanksgiving

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Introduction

1. 1 Thessalonians 5:18
2. This is the time of year when we take special notice of the things we are to be thankful.
3. When the first settlers came and were somewhat successful with their crops and for their life, they started setting time aside to be thankful. We need to count our many blessings and be thankful for each and every one of them.
4. What are you thankful for this time of the year?
5. In the Bible thanksgiving means: 1 the giving of thanks, 2 a prayer expressing gratitude, 3 an acknowledgement or celebration of divine goodness.
6. Thanksgiving should be offered to God Psalm 100:4
7. It is to be through and in the name of Christ. Romans 1:8; Colossians 3:16-17; Ephesians 5:20; Hebrews 13:15
8. What are we to give thanks for?

II Discussion

1. For an existence Psalm 100:3-4
2. For the gift of Christ John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 9:15
3. For Light and knowledge 2 Corinthians 2:14
4. For conversion and salvation Romans 6:16-18
5. For the supply of all our needs 1 Timothy 4:3-4; Philippians 4:19
6. For all men 1 Timothy 2:1-2
7. For victory over death and the hope of eternal life 1 Corinthians 15:54-57; Titus 1:2
8. For everything Philippians 4:6

III Forms of Thanksgiving

1. By Sacrifice Leviticus 22:29; 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
2. By Prayer Colossians 4:2; Philippians 4:6; Daniel 6:10; John 6:11; Ephesians 1:15-16; Philemon 4; Colossians 1:3
3. By singing Psalm 147:7; Hebrews 13:15; Nehemiah 12:46; Psalm 106:1-2

IV Conclusion

1. We are to have appreciation for those things about us
2. Do we appreciate what God has done for us?
3. Have you thus obeyed?

Sources B.J. Clarke sermon Vol 1, 1996 Polishing the Pulpit; PC study Bible