

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“How to Say Thanks”

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BEING THANKFUL FOR CHRIST

2 Corinthians 9:15, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift.” This passage of Scripture is the closing statement to Paul’s teaching on “Sowing Generously.” Paul teaches about the need for using our gifts to help meet needs. He writes about how these generous gifts will result in “overflowing expressions of thanks to God.” (2 Corinthians 9:11) In 2 Corinthians 9:15, Paul points to the Person who makes the way for us to enjoy the grace gifts that enable us to minister to the needs of others, therefore, we are to thank God for Jesus Christ.

This passage of Scripture is the heartbeat of the writings and teachings God spoke forth through the Apostle Paul, no matter what subject he taught on, his aim was to point people to Christ.

2 Corinthians 8:9 reveals to us, “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.” Jesus Christ became poor by leaving

glory and uninterrupted worship to God His father so you and I can be made rich in His love. We enjoy fellowship with God the Father and

Christ His Son, and walk under the direction of the Holy Spirit of Christ. Thus, we are enabled to live the abundant life promised in Christ Jesus

as we walk in obedience to the written Word of God.

Romans 12:1-2 gives us clear instructions on practical ways to say thanks to our Lord for the sacrifice He made for us. “...in view of God’s mercy, offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Saying thanks in this way comes with a promise of His revelation to us, “Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will.”

Are you a living sacrifice? Do you offer your body to do service unto Him, His people and for the common good of mankind? Worship services full of singing, praising, giving and teaching of His Word are good, but it is a life lived in obedience to the Lord’s will who will be approved of God and enabled to determine God’s perfect will.

Live a Life Expressing Thankfulness to Christ!



Thin Ice

We don’t have to be on ice skates to experience that sinking sensation known as “skating on thin ice.” When we live from day to day feeling sure that our future is becoming increasingly uncertain then we must act. We can move in the direction of dependable support as we cry for help. In Psalm 28:6, David proclaims, “Blessed be the Lord, for He hath heard the voice of my supplications.” When you feel you are “skating on thin ice,” call upon the Lord. Begin by worshipping Him each week with faith and thanksgiving and He will help with what lies ahead.

Weekly Scripture Reading						
Luke 21:5–38	Psalm 95	Psalm 96	Psalm 97	Psalm 98	Psalm 99	Psalm 100
Scriptures Selected by the American Bible Society						
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