

Make Church a Part of Your Life

WEEKLY SERMONETTE

"Attitude of Gratitude"

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The Bible says, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." In this wonderful verse of Scripture, Paul is not giving a suggestion, but a command. Man owes a debt of obligation to God for anything that turns him from his inability to know God's love and enables him to enjoy the Lord's love which, in turn, equips him to express love to the Lord.

If any nation ought to be thankful to God and grateful for His goodness, it ought to be Christians, who are able to meet freely and fellowship together as the Body of Christ.

Trials, accidents, death of family members and friends, and negative consequences of sin are going to fall upon Christians and non-Christians alike. In this sin-trodden world,

the Lord through His loving grace and mercy will speak forth His blessings as He has done in the past. The Word of God speaks clearly of the heartfelt response of Holy Spirit illuminated Christians.

Please note: We are to

give thanks in all circumstances, not for the circumstance, but that in Christ, there is victory, triumph and guidance to be found through all circumstances. No matter how terrible a situation may be, there is a God who says, "Never will

I leave you nor forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) It is a yes and amen!

No obedient Christian has ever been made to drink the cup of affliction without drops of mercy being intermingled. Every calamity in some way in His time works out for the glory of God. We need to remember that trials are but only a temporary part of a larger plan for our spiritual well-being. Through this perspective we can always discern a cause for thanks to God. In fact, failure to give gratitude to God is a symptom of unbelief. When people do not take time to acknowledge or thank God, it is because they really don't believe in His sovereignty, that He really is watching over them.

Holy Spirit illuminated Christians understand that gratitude is expected by God, that it is to be expressed always and be expansive.

Learn Biblical Gratitude!



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Those reflections can point us toward our chosen place of worship. Next Sabbath, renew your commitment to the religious convictions which helped shape our history...and will undergird our destiny.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Genesis 2:4b-25	Psalms 104	Psalms 105	Ezra 6:1-22	Nehemiah 8:1-18	Esther 8:1-17	Esther 9:1-32

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