

Motivated by Gratitude

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“You confound the proud in the imaginations of their hearts. Therefore give us the Light of Life, that our eyes may be opened, that we may not be proud, but be transformed from one degree of Glory to another, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Two kinds of teaching in churches:

- ✓ That which begins with the character of God (who he is) and moves to who man is and what he needs.
- ✓ That which begins with man’s needs and moves to God as the one who meets man’s needs.

Bruce Bickel: when discouraged think about the Power of God His Sovereign Power, Ruling Power
2 Corinthians 4:13-15.

- 4:13. Faith keeps us from fainting:
- 4:14. The Resurrection keeps us from sinking:
- 4:15. Gratitude keeps us from griping.

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1 Thess 5:18

Gratitude for who He Is; there is no one like Him and He is over every other power.

“Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving ... for the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” **Psalm 95:2, 3**

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.” **Revelation 11:17**

Gratitude for what He has done:

“Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!” **1 Chronicles 16:8-9**

“I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.” **Psalm 9:1**

Gratitude for His unfailing, unending Love

“... give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures forever.” **1 Chronicles 16:41**

“I bow down ... and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.” **Psalm 138:2**

Gratitude for His Right-ness

“I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness ...” **Psalm 7:17**

Gratitude for being in Him; for my life being His Life.

“The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.” **Psalm 28:7**

Gratitude for His Salvation, Rescue from destruction, Deliverance

“Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.” **Psalm 118:19**

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.” **Isaiah 12:1**

“Give thanks to the Lord ... ‘For I will restore the fortunes of the land as at first,’ says the Lord.” **Jeremiah 33:11**

“Thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart ... having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.” **Romans 6:17-18**

“... thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” **1 Cor 15:57**

“... thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere.” **2 Corinthians 2:14**

“... giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.” **Colossians 1:12**

Gratitude for His Word

“All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.” **Psalm 138:4-5**

Gratitude for His Name

“Our God, we give you thanks and praise you for your glorious name.” **1 Chronicles 29:13**

Gratitude for His Grace

“Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift (of His surpassing grace)!” **2 Corinthians 9:15**

Gratitude for His Provision

“He took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’” **Luke 22:19**

Gratitude for the fellow Redeemed

“I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus ...” **1 Corinthians 1:4**