

## CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

### “We Thank You, Lord”

#### Scripture Reading

**“<sup>10</sup> Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. <sup>11</sup> Thine, O Lord is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. <sup>12</sup> Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.**

**<sup>13</sup> Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name (1 Chron 29:10-13).**

#### Introduction:

- A. The title of the hymn **“We Thank You, Lord”** by Susan H. Peterson is used for the writing of this Bible Study. It is a hymn of praise and joy to the many blessings of God in our lives. It is a hymn of deep gratitude for Thanksgiving or at any time, day, or worship setting where the subject of Thanks is desired.
- B. Thanksgiving Day is an annual federal holiday celebrated by Americans on the fourth Thursday of November. It began in 1621 as a day of celebrating the harvest and other blessings of the past year.
- C. Thanksgiving Day is a day for people in the United States to give thanks for their possessions. Families and friends get together for a meal, which traditionally includes a roasted turkey, stuffing, potatoes, vegetables, cranberry sauce, gravy, and sweet potato pie.
- D. “Near the end of her life, Frances Ridley Havergal jotted down every day on a little calendar something – often a little thing – for which she thanked God. It was her way of thinking about Thanking” (Preachers Sourcebook of creative sermon illustrations).
- E. “It is said that Dr. Theodore Cuyler and Mr. Spurgeon were once out in the fields enjoying God’s sunshine and the beauties of nature. Dr. Cuyler told a story at which Mr. Spurgeon laughed until his sides shook. Mr. Spurgeon said, “Theodore, lets get down on our knees and thank God for laughter.” And these two happy Christian Preachers knelt in the field and thanked God for His great gift of laughter” (Bible Illustrations, p. 261).

#### Study Question #1:

**On a scale of 1 (being the least) and 10 (being the highest):**

- How is your prayer life?
- How often do you pray? – Daily? Weekly? Monthly? only in times of crisis?
- Who or what situations have you prayed for lately?
- **“<sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing. <sup>18</sup> In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (1 Thess 5:17-18).**
- **“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you” (1 Peter 5:7)**
- **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13).**

**Thoughts to Ponder:**

- A. “Prayer will make a man cease from sin, or sin will entice a man to cease from prayer” (John Bunyon).
- B. “To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible that to be alive without breathing” (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.).

Based on this hymn, we will study seven blessing to thank God for on Thanksgiving Day and any time or day of the year.

○ **We Thank You, Lord**

We thank You, Lord, and worship You with gladness;  
We praise Your Name and lift our hearts in song;  
For You are good, Your love endures forever,  
Your faithfulness continues all day long.  
You’ve lavished us with every spiritual blessing;  
We thank You, Lord, and praise You now in song.

We thank You, Lord, for everyday provisions,  
For daily food, for clothes and shelter too,  
For health and strength and grace for every trial,  
For this free land where we can worship You.  
You crown each day with Your abundant goodness;  
We thank You, Lord, and lift our praise to You.

We thank You, Lord, for giving us salvation.  
You sent Your Son that we might be forgiv’n.  
Far as the east from west, our sins have vanished;  
Now justified, we’re citizens of Heav’n.  
You’ve sealed us with Your promised Holy Spirit;  
We thank You, Lord, for love so freely giv’n!

We thank You, Lord, for giving us the Bible  
To guide our steps, if we’ll but hear and read,  
And for Your Church, a worldwide living body,  
That gives sweet fellowship and meets our need.  
We are encouraged, and we worship gladly;  
We thank You, Lord, You’ve made us rich indeed!

**I. Thank God for His Goodness**

**A. Goodness is an attribute of God’s nature**

1. He always does what is right – there is no evilness in Him. He does not do anything to hurt us (Ps 119:68).

2. Based on the Goodness of God, it is never in His will for us to sin (James 1:13).

**B. God is our Helper in times of trouble (Ps 46:1; 55:22; Nahum 1:7)**

### **C. God is always present with us (Heb 13:5)**

- “For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations (Ps 100:5).
- “Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever (Ps 106:1).

## **II. Thank God for His Love**

### **A. His love endures forever (Ps 86:5; 107:1)**

1. “God is love” (1 John 4:8)
2. The love of God will outlast all things. He will not quit loving any of us. His love means He will fulfill every promise that he has made.

### **B. His love is unconditional**

God loves all mankind – regardless of race, sex, or sin. He loves the just and the unjust, Believers and Unbelievers.

- “That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust” (Matt 5:45)

### **C. Jesus loves sinners**

1. He ate with sinners at Matthew’s house (Matt 9:9-13)
  2. He ate with Publicans and Sinners (Luke 15:1-2)
  3. He abided at Zacchaeus’ house (Luke 19:1-10)
- Jesus came for sinners. He came to rescue us from our sins. He is the Doctor who can heal us from our sin. Whatever the sin, Jesus came to save us.

### **D. The Greatest Expression of God’s Love (John 3:16; Rom 5:8)**

#### **Point to Ponder:**

The sin of a person is never so great that God will not love him nor save him. A person cannot stop God from loving him. There is nothing that a person can do to stop God from loving him. A person is powerless against the love of God in Christ Jesus.

## **III. Thank God for His Faithfulness**

### **A. God is faithful in telling the truth (Num 23:19)**

Immutability – God does not change His mind, alter His counsels, purposes, and decrees and never varies in His affections to His people nor made void His choice with them.

- “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb 13:8).

### **B. God is faithful to do what He says, to uphold His Word**

- “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven (Ps 119:89).

- “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matt 24:35).

God’s Word will not change and is always spiritually relevant. It is never antiquated, old-fashioned or outdated.

**C. God is faithful to keep His promises**

1. Persecution will come but God is faithful (2 Tim 3:12)
2. Temptation will come but God is faithful to provide an escape (1 Cor 10:13)
3. God’s promises are reliable (1 Cor 10:13; 1 Thess 5:24; Jude 24-25). God always keeps His Word no matter what.

**D. God is faithful to sustain us to the end (1 Cor 1:8-9)**

Because of God’s unchangeable promise, Believers are assured of this grace – past, present, and future - and will remain saved, assured of future glory at Christ’s appearing (Eph 5:26-27).

- “For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth” (Ps 33:4).
- “<sup>22</sup> It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness (Lam 3:22-23).

**Study Question #2:**

We can count on God to be faithful in all aspects toward us. The question is, can God count on you to do your duty as a Christian? – tithing, Bible reading/study, prayer, loving Jesus and others, testifying and telling others about Jesus and the difference He makes in your life.

**IV. Thank God for every Spiritual Blessing**

As Christians, we have been blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph 1:3). The spiritual blessings are as follows:

- Eph 1:4** – Election of the saints: God has “chosen in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.”
- Eph 1:5** – Our adoption as His children. God chose us to be made holy, but He granted us full status as His children, with all the benefits thereof.
- Eph 1:6** – “Accepted in the Beloved” The word is related to grace and gives the idea of making us graceful or favorable through Christ, the beloved of God. When we put on Christ, the Father sees His loveliness when He looks at us. The blood of Christ has taken away the guilt of our sins, and we stand before the Father as perfectly accepted.
- Eph 1:7** - the redemption through His blood. Redemption speaks of buying one’s freedom, paying a ransom. The price for our sins, the payment to buy us out of eternal condemnation, was fully paid by the blood of Christ. In Christ, we are no longer slaves to sin, but we become slaves to God. Since we are bought and paid for by His blood, we have an obligation to glorify God in our body and spirit (1 Corinthians 6:20). Verse 7 - forgiveness of sins. It is closely related to redemption which is paying the ransom for our sins, the debt of sin was canceled, and we were forgiven. We no longer have the burden of guilt for violating God’s holy laws.

- E. **Eph 1:8-10** - God gives us wisdom and insight through His Word and has shown us His desire to bring all things together to glorify Christ. We are to align ourselves with Him by faith, thus becoming part of His perfect plan and purpose.
- F. **Eph 1:11** - the inheritance that is given to us through Christ. “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him” (1 Corinthians 2:9). The riches of glory, the presence of God, the eternal home – includes all the blessings that belong to our inheritance.
- G. **Eph 1:13** - the sealing of the Holy Spirit. When we become God’s children, He places His mark of ownership on us, guaranteeing our eternal security. This is spoken of as the down-payment of our full redemption, to hold us until the day Christ brings us to Him.

**Thoughts to Ponder:**

These blessings are readily accessible to everyone who is in Christ Jesus. The way to be in Christ is to repent, or turn away from our sins (Acts 17:30), confessing to God that we are sinners (Proverbs 28:13; Romans 10:9). When we believe that Christ died to take our punishment and now lives to give us new life (1 Corinthians 15:3-4), He grants us forgiveness of sins and all the blessings that accompany that salvation.

V. **Thank God for His Daily Provision**

**A. Thank God for daily food, clothing, and shelter**

- “When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee” (Deut 8:10).
- “For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness” (Ps 107:9).
- “And having food and raiment let us be therewith content” (1 Tim 6:8).
- 1. “Thank you, God, for the roof over my head. A bed to sleep in. Food on the table, and shoes on my feet. Forgive me if I ever complain and forget my great blessings. Amen” – Anonymous
- 2. Thanks God for dirty dishes; they have a tale to tell while others may go hungry, we’re eating very well with home, health, and happiness, I should want to fuss; by the stark of evidence, God’s been very good to us.

**B. Thank God for health and strength**

Use these verses to remind yourself of the healing power and comfort that is available to you by God. The Word of God provides encouragement, strength, and comfort as you focus on God’s healing power for yourself and love ones.

- “Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise” (Jer 17:14).
- “For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after” (Jer 30:17).

- “Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases” (Ps 103:3).
  - “O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me” (Ps 30:2).
  - “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil 4:19).
1. “Give God your weakness and He’ll give you His strength” – Anonymous
  2. “Faith for my deliverance is not faith in God. Faith means, whether I am visibly delivered or not, I will stick to my belief that God is love. There are things only learned in a fiery furnace” – Oswald Chambers

**Point to Ponder:**

Sometimes illness leads to death. However, we are to trust in God unto death. Use the trial of illness to glorify God unto death. Importantly, as Believers, we will be transported into God’s glorious presence the moment He draws our lives in this world to the end (John 3:16; 2 Cor 5:8).

**VI. Thank God for Giving us Salvation**

Salvation is deliverance, by the Grace of God, from eternal punishment for sin which is granted to persons who place faith in God’s conditions of repentance through faith in Christ Jesus.

- A. Salvation is the forgiveness of sin (1 Cor 15:3-4; Heb 9:22).
- B. Salvation is by Jesus alone (John 3:16; 14:6; Acts 4:12).
- C. Salvation is available to all (1 Tim 2:4, 6; Titus 2:11)
- D. Salvation is free – a gift from God (Eph 2:8-9; Rom 6:23)/
- E. Salvation leads to eternal life (Rom 6:23; Titus 3:7)
- F. Salvation gives joy and hope (Ps 51:8, 12; Rom 8:24; Phil 4:4, 7; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
- G. Salvation is Jesus died in our place and taking the punishment we deserve (Rom 5:8).

**Question:** The Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30).

**Answer:** Paul and Silas replied, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31).

**VII. Thank God for Giving us the Bible**

- A. The Bible is the Word of God (2 Peter 1:20-21)
  - It is without errors; completely trustworthy

- B. The Bible will guide our steps if we read, hear, and obey it (Rev 1:3).
- C. The Bible is God’s gift to mankind. It came from God and points us to God (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- D. The Bible provides spiritual guidance (Ps 119:105).
- E. The Bible will keep us from sin (Ps 119:9).
  - o “The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible” – D.L. Moody
- F. The Bible assures the Believer of his salvation (1 John 5:13).

**Points to Ponder:**

“Visit many good books, but stay in the Bible” – Charles Spurgeon

“I believe the Bible is the Word of God from cover to cover” – Billy Graham

“The Bible is meant to be bread for daily use, not cake for special occasions” – Anonymous

**Conclusion:**

- A. **God is Good** – “He brought me out of darkness ... He saved my soul ... He guides my every foot step ... He put food on my table ... He made a way out of no way ... He put shoes on my feet ... He healed my every sickness ... **God is Good.**”
- B. “Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah” (Ps 68:19).
- C. **Romans Road to Salvation** (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13).

**Memory Verse:**

“<sup>1</sup>I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. <sup>2</sup>My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth (Ps 121:1-2).

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**