

CORINTH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

BE THANKFUL TO GOD

SCRIPTURE READING:

- “I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people” (Ps 35:18).
- “Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God” (Ps 147:7).
- “¹⁸ And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; ¹⁹ Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; ²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Eph 5:18-20).
- “Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving” (Col 4:2).

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, be mindful that each and every day is Thanksgiving.**
Thank God for the countless blessings in your life.
- B. **“True Worship: All that I am, responding to all that He is – in gratitude and praise.”** – Adrian Rogers
- C. **“O My God, let me remember with gratitude and confess to thee thy mercies toward me.”** – St. Augustine
- D. **“When thou has truly thanked the Lord for every blessing sent. But little time will then remain for murmur or lament.”** – Hannah More
- E. **“We thank thee for all of thy good and gracious gifts, for life and health; for food and for raiment; for the beauties of nature and the love of human nature.”** – Martin Luther King, Jr.

PROPOSITION:

In this Bible Study, we will focus on three reasons that should encourage our hearts to offer Thanksgiving and Praises to God each and every day.

- I. **THANK GOD FOR HIS PERSON** (Ps 136:1-3)
“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. ² O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever. ³ O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever” (Ps 136:1-3).

We are to give thanks to God for who He is and because of His goodness. Every one of the 26 verses in Ps 136 ends with – “For His mercy endureth for ever.”

A. God is the God of gods – He is supreme over all the mighty earthly rulers and leaders in the world.

- “The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein” (Ps 24:1).
- “I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations” (Ps 89:1).

B. God is the Creator and Ruler of Heaven and Earth

- “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Gen 1:1).
- “For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else” (Isa 45:18).

C. God is One, but He exists as three Persons – God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

- “¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: ¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased” (Matt 3:16-17).

D. God is Immutable – unchanging, unable to change

- “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed” (Mal 3:6).

God is unchanging in His character, will, promises, purposes, perfections and gifts. He is Holy, Therefore, He cannot turn to that which is evil (“God ... cannot lie” Titus 1:2).

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

E. God is Incomparable - beyond comparison, matchless, or without equal.

- “Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears” (2 Sam 7:22).

- **Lord, You Are More Precious Than Silver**

Lord, You are more precious than silver;

Lord, You are more costly than gold;

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;

And nothing I desire compares with You.

- F. God is Omnipresent** – He is everywhere; He knows and hears everything that we say.
- “⁷ Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? ⁸ If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; ¹⁰ Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me” (Ps 139:7-10).
 - When Scottish theologian John Baillie taught at Edinburgh University, he made it a practice to open his course on the doctrine of God with these words: "We must remember, in discussing God, that we cannot talk about Him without His hearing every word we say. We may be able to talk about others behind their backs, but God is everywhere, yes, even in this classroom. Therefore, in all our discussions we must be aware of His infinite presence, and talk about Him, as it were, before His face." - (Sermon Illustrations – Author Unknown).

II. THANK GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS (1 Chron 16:34)

- **“O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever”** (1 Chron 16:34).

“Good” – means pleasant, agreeable, beneficial, generous

A. Thank God because He is Good to us

All that He does for us is because of who He is and that He cares for us. He is Always Good.

B. The Expression: “God is Good, All the Time – All the Time, God is Good.”

God is Always Good to us. He is never evil towards us. He has never done anything to hurt us.

C. God is always working for Good on our behalf even in the midst of adversity and calamity. We should give Him thanks for it – being good to us.

- “And we know that **all things work together for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Rom 8:28).

D. Bible Verses about the Goodness of God

- “Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way” (Ps 25:8).
- “He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord” (Ps 33:5).
- “The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works” (Ps 145:9).

E. God’s Goodness included Him Providing Daily Necessities

Food, Shelter, Clothing – Guiding us during our decisions and the offering of spiritual gifts such as forgiveness and salvation through His Son Jesus Christ.

- **Goodness of God**

I love You, Lord, Oh, Your mercy never failed me
And all my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up, Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God
All my life You have been faithful, All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able, Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

- **Lord You Been Good to Me**

Lord you've been good to me
You dried my tears when I cried
You promised me that you would never leave
Lord you've been good to me

- “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Heb 13:5).

III. THANK GOD FOR HIS SALVATION (John 3:16, 36)

- **“¹⁶For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ⁶He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:16, 36).**

A. Salvation Began With God - He provided the Plan for Salvation for us.

1. This Plan of Salvation was created before the world began.

It was revealed through Scripture (Gen 3:15; Isa 9:6-7), culminating in Jesus Christ's sacrifice for our sins.

- “Christ died for our sins ... He was buried and ... He rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor 15:3-4).

2. God Promised Eternal Life before the World Began

- “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

B. Jesus Stood in the Gap – He Died for us, Stood in the Gap, Intercessor, Go Between

- “⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. ¹⁰Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:8, 10).

1. “Propitiation for our sin” – to satisfy, to cover, to pay the penalty for, atoning sacrifice.

2. Jesus is the propitiation – means by which our sins are forgiven.

- “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

- “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8).

C. Jesus Saved Us from Hell

It is His death on the Cross, the death that released His precious blood that opened the door of Salvation for every sinner who comes to God for forgiveness of sin.

o “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Pet 1:18).

o “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed” (1 Pet 2:21, 24).

D. Jesus did not solely die on the Cross – He died for You.

Every drop of His blood was shed for You. Every step, every humiliation, every strike, every whip, every mocking, every piercing nail ... You were always on His mind. We are Saved by the blood.

E. Alas, and did my Savior bleed

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!

Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,

And the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith I received my sight,

And now I am happy all the day!

CONCLUSION:

A. Thank God for His Person, His Goodness, and His Salvation!

B. As Believers, we should set aside some time each day to Thank the Lord who has Blessed us so richly. Every day is Thanksgiving.

C. Count your many Blessing, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

D. ABC's of Salvation

- o **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- o **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- o **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)

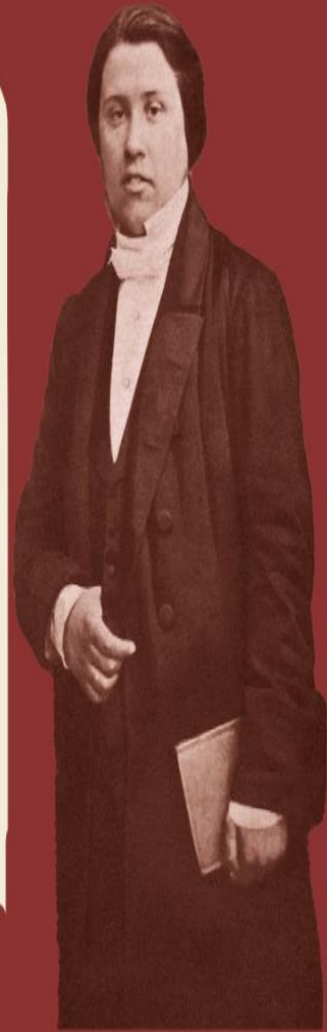
E. LET US DAILY PRAISE GOD FOR COMMON MERCIES

“Let us daily praise God for common mercies--common as we frequently call them, and yet so priceless, that when deprived of them we are ready to perish. Let us bless God for the eyes with which we behold the sun, for the health and strength to walk abroad, for the bread we eat, for the raiment we wear. Let us praise him that we are not cast out among the hopeless, or confined amongst the guilty; let us thank him for liberty, for friends, for family associations and comforts; let us praise him, in fact, for everything which we receive from his bounteous hand, for we deserve little, and yet are most plenteously endowed. But, beloved, the sweetest and the loudest note in our songs of praise should be of redeeming love. God’s redeeming acts towards his chosen are forever the favourite themes of their praise. If we know what redemption means, let us not withhold our sonnets of thanksgiving.”

~ Charles H. Spurgeon



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