

BEING
THANKFUL
LUKE
17:11-19

Ingratitude is a common problem and a terrible sin.
Ten lepers were cleansed, but only one came back
to thank Jesus.

Luke 17:15-16

Now one of them, when he saw that he was healed,
returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell
down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And
he was a Samaritan.

Who are we like?

The Samaritan?

Or the other nine, who received the blessing but
never stopped to say, “Thank You, Lord?”

As Christians we should want to strive to be more like Christ.

Jesus was always offering thanks.

John 6:11

And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

Matthew 11:25

At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes.

As most of us know, this Thursday is a day that is set aside for all Americans to give thanks.

As Christians we should be giving thanks to God every day.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God.

I Thessalonians 5:17-18

Pray without ceasing, **in everything give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

What are you thankful for?

God has blessed us in so many ways.

This morning I want to remind you of some things that we should be thankful for.

I Peter 1:12-13

Therefore I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know them, and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you.

We should be thankful that:

God And Christ Are Still In Control.

It is reassuring to know that come what may, God is still holds everything in His hands.

Christ keeps the universe running.

Hebrews 1:2-3

He created the world. He reflects the glory of God and bears the very stamp of his nature, upholding the universe by His word of power.

God holds our lives in His hands.

Acts 17:25-26

Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their habitation.

Because God is in control we should not worry.

Psalms 37:5, 7; 46:10

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act.

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him.

Be still, and know that I am God.

Philippians 4:6

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.

I Peter 5:7

Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Neither God nor Christ Changes.

We know that every blessing that God has promised to the faithful will come to pass, because God does not change.

Numbers 23:19

"God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?"

Malachi 3:6

"For I am the Lord, I do not change."

James 1:17

Every good and perfect gift comes down to us from God, the Source of truth. The Father of lights is always consistent and changeless.

Hebrews 1:10-12

And: "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands, they will perish, but You remain; and they will all grow old like a garment; like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, and Your years will not fail."

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

God and Christ are still in control.

He nor Christ will ever change.

We indeed should be thankful!

The Blood Of Christ Has Not Lost Its Power.

Christ shed His blood on the cross to take away sin.

Matthew 26:27-28

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you; for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Hebrews 13:12

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood.

We live in a world where things wear out; they become ineffective.

The blood will never wear out or become ineffective.

I John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Revelation 1:5

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

The Eternal Covenant We Have With God.

Hebrew 13:20-21

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the covenant that Jesus talked about in
Mathew 26:28

Matthew 26:28

For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Because of this eternal covenant we also have received an everlasting kingdom.

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore let us be thankful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.

We Can Conquer Through Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:1-2

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

What greater reason do we need to be thankful than this?

Conquerors over what?

Sin

Romans 6:17-18

But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

I Corinthians 10:13

No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, so that you will be able to endure it.

The World.

I John 5:4-5

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

Everything.

Philippians 4:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Even Death.

I Corinthians 15:51-57

Lo! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember, there is no conquering or victory unless
you are in Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are more than
conquerors through Him who loved us.

Are You Conquering Today?

Are You In Christ?

Galatians 3:26-27

For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.