

# Grateful for God

Message 01 of the series "Grateful"

## 1. I am grateful for all the good things God does for me.

"Let all that I am praise the LORD; with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name. Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

- He forgives all my sins
- and heals all my diseases.
- He redeems me from death
- and crowns me with love and tender mercies.
- He fills my life with good things.
- My youth is renewed like the eagle's!
- The LORD gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly.

He revealed his character to Moses and his deeds to the people of Israel." Psalm 103:1-7 (NLT)

*Life Application:* We should thank God for all He has done for us.

"It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to the Most High. It is good to proclaim your unfailing love in the morning, your faithfulness in the evening, accompanied by the ten-stringed harp and the melody of the lyre. You thrill me, LORD, with all you have done for me! I sing for joy because of what you have done." Psalm 92:1-4 (NLT)

*Life Application:* We should gladly give God our tithes and offerings because of all He has done for us.

"O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!" 1 Chronicles 29:13-14 (NLT)

"What can I give back to GOD for the blessings he's poured out on me?" Psalm 116:12 (MSG)

## 2. I am grateful for God's grace.

*Justice* = getting what we deserve.

*Mercy* = NOT getting what we deserve.

*Grace* = getting far more than we deserve.

"The LORD is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.

- He will not constantly accuse us, nor remain angry forever.
- He does not punish us for all our sins;
- he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve. For his unfailing love toward those who fear him is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
- He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

The LORD is like a father to his children, tender and compassionate to those who fear him. For he knows how weak we are; he remembers we are only dust." Psalm 103:8-14 (NLT)

*Life Application:* We should thankfully observe the Lord's Supper.

"On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it.' For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again."

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (NLT)

*Life Application:* We can confidently bring all of our concerns, failures and fears to God.

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

### 3. I am grateful for God’s everlasting love.

“Our days on earth are like grass; like wildflowers, we bloom and die. The wind blows, and we are gone—as though we had never been here. But the love of the LORD remains forever with those who fear him. His salvation extends to the children’s children of those who are faithful to his covenant, of those who obey his commandments!” Psalm 103:15-18 (NLT)

*Life Application:* We should sing God’s praises.

“The LORD has made the heavens his throne; from there he rules over everything. Praise the LORD, you angels, you mighty ones who carry out his plans, listening for each of his commands. Yes, praise the LORD, you armies of angels who serve him and do his will! Praise the LORD, everything he has created, everything in all his kingdom. Let all that I am praise the LORD.” Psalm 103:19-22 (NLT)

“But as for me, I will sing about your power. Each morning I will sing with joy about your unfailing love. For you have been my refuge, a place of safety when I am in distress. O my Strength, to you I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love.” Psalm 59:16-17 (NLT)

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**“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”**

**~William Arthur Ward~**

**“Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.”**

**~Charles Dickens~**

### CONNECT GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How would you define ‘being grateful’?
2. List some things for which you are thankful to God.
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. What are some benefits of being grateful?
4. Read Ephesians 5:15-20. What are some things you can do daily to help cultivate and maintain a heart of gratitude?
5. Read Colossians 4:2. How does gratitude impact our prayer life?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-10. In your opinion, what is Paul trying to say about being grateful for inadequacies and difficulties in life?
7. Read Psalm 103:1-2. What are some practical things we can do to stay mindful of the good things God has done for us?