

THANKSGIVING
A MESSAGE ON GRATITUDE

SERMON NOTES

November 23, 2025

“Thanksgiving: A Message on Gratitude”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



I. Introduction

- A. Gratitude is not just for when life is _____.
- B. We are grateful for those with us during life’s most trying _____.
- C. Praise the Lord because he has never left nor _____ us.

II. Gratitude: An All-Year Activity

- A. We are a thanksgiving people all year round in the same way we are a:
 - a. _____ people
 - b. _____ people.
 - c. _____ people.

III. Conclusion

- A. Add a dash a _____ all year long.
- B. Give thanks in all _____.
- C. Give thanks for... people you hold dear, the blessings in your life and the call to build the _____ of God. Amen.

Keep Being Grateful Challenge

Each day write down one or more things you are truly grateful to God for.

Monday: _____

Tuesday: _____

Wednesday: _____

Thursday: _____

Friday: _____

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

A Note from Pastor Rick

Much like we live as a Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost people, celebrating that Christ came to earth, shared the Gospel, died for our sins, rose again, and sent us the Holy Spirit, so too do we live as a thankful people all year round. As you consider the following 5-day devotions, I invite you approach each with reverence and humility. Consider how each text calls you towards a greater appreciation for the Mighty God we serve, his deeds both in the past, present and future, and his tender mercy for all. May each day draw you into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday: Colossians 2:6-7

When we think of following Christ we may naturally think of things like faith, service, and humility. Gratitude and thanksgiving for what God did in Jesus is just as key, as it moves us to greater heights of worship. What action of God do you give thanks for the most?

Tuesday: Philippians 4:6-7

Being thankful is not just reserved for amplifying our worship; it is also central to how we navigate stress and worry. By prayer, we can lay all our cares at the Throne of Heaven and ask for God's help - for ourselves and others - in all things. What do you want God's help with today?

Wednesday: Psalm 100

We can start and end each day with worries about what needs to get done/hasn't gotten done or we can start and end the day with thanksgiving to God. How we start and end a day can have a real impact. Instead of reaching for our phone or coffee cup, how do you think starting with gratitude and thanksgiving would change your day?

Thursday: Thank You, Lord UMH #84 (https://hymnary.org/text/thank_you_lord_thank_you_lord_thank)

Sometimes hymns tell a story, reflecting upon a biblical event or aspect of God. Yet, other times the message is in the name. I (Pastor Rick) invite you to read through and/or sing this hymn. Enter into a time where you thank God from the heart.

Friday: Nehemiah 8:10-12

In any given season of life, we can find ourselves overwhelmed. This passage reminds us of the simple yet powerful joy that comes from serving the Lord. Can you find even greater joy in the simple things such as eating, drinking, the company of loved ones, etc. when you see them as gifts from God?

MOVING FORWARD

A Message from Pastor Rick

Thanksgiving is coming; and with it an opportunity to give thanks beyond our usual grace over a meal. Regardless of your setting this Thanksgiving, my prayer is that each of us will take an extra moment to give thanks from our hearts. As we reflect upon God's presence with us this past year - the ups and downs - and God's faithfulness through it all, we have so much to be thankful for. Consider writing down all that you are thankful for.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) sweet B) moments C) forsaken. IIA) Christmas, B) Easter, IIC) Pentecost. IIIA) gratitude, B) circumstances, C) Kingdom.