

INTRODUCTION

- * As we approach the upcoming holiday season, it ought to be a reminder to us as believers to consider how thankful we are.
- * We are told in God's Word to give thanks to God ...
 PSALM 118: 1 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good – His mercy (chesed) endures forever!" ... We are to give thanks to the LORD!
 PSALM 107:8,15,21,31 "Oh that men would give thanks to the LORD **for His goodness**, and **for His wonderful works** to the children of men!"
- * We are to be A THANKFUL PEOPLE ... We are to be thankful for who He is ... and what He has done!
- * I would like over the next three Sundays to consider the subject of thanksgiving – of us being a thankful people.
- * Then on Wednesday, November 24th we will have a special service dedicated to us as believers giving thanks to God.
 So, over the next few weeks get an index card, or a piece of paper, and begin to write down things that God has done for you – that you ought to be thankful for and when we gather together that evening we will share them with one another give glory to God!

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FOUNDATION OF THANKSGIVING

A. The Recognition Of God As Our C_____r – the Giver of P_____al Life

cf. Romans 1:18-25; Psalm 100:1-5; Revelation 4:8-11; Psalm 30:4

B. The Recognition Of God As Our R_____r – the Giver of S_____al Life

cf. Psalm 107:1-2; Psalm 116:1-17; Job 19:25-26; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:8-10; I Corinthians 15:50-57; Romans 7:24-25

II. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THANKSGIVING

III. THE FREQUENCY OF THANKSGIVING (11/14)

IV. THE FRUIT OF THANKSGIVING (11/21)

INTROSPECTION

- * Are you truly thankful?
- * Is your thankfulness noticed by those with which you come into contact?
- * Do you recognize and worship God as the Creator? ... Have you accepted Him as your Redeemer?
- * If you have been redeemed, how thankful are you for your redemption?