

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!
- * Last week, we examined the Foundation of Thanksgiving ... and the Fellowship of Thanksgiving
- * Today, we want to look at what the Bible states regarding the Frequency of Thanksgiving ... *We are to be thankful, but how often? ONCE A YEAR?*

INSTRUCTION

I. THE FOUNDATION OF THANKSGIVING

- A. **The Recognition Of God As Our Creator – the Giver of Physical Life** (Rom. 1:18-25; Psalm 100:1-5; Revelation 4:8-11; Psalm 30:4)
 B. **The Recognition Of God As Our Redeemer – the Giver of Spiritual Life** (Psalm 107:1-2; 116:1-17; Job 19:25-26; I Pet 1:18-19; I Cor. 15:50-57; Rom. 7:24-25)

II. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THANKSGIVING – The "Communion" of the "Eucharist" (Psalm 116:12-13; I Corinthians 10:16; Matthew 26:26-29)

III. THE FREQUENCY OF THANKSGIVING

- ☞ I THESSALONIANS 5: 16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, **in everything give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
 ☞ EPHESIANS 5: 17-20 "Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

A. The _____ of Our Thanksgiving

1. GIVING THANKS _____ (cf. Psalm 92:1-2; Psalm 119: 62; Colossians 3: 1-17)

2. GIVING THANKS _____ (cf. Philippians 4: 6-7; I Timothy 2: 1-4; Acts 5: 41)

B. The _____ of Our Thanksgiving: *It is the will of God*

1. BEING THANKFUL IS AN _____ (cf. Colossians 3: 12-15; Ephesians 5: 17-20)

2. BEING THANKFUL IS AN _____ (cf. Ephesians 5: 1-4; Romans 8: 29)

IV. THE FRUIT OF THANKSGIVING (11/21... Next Week)

INTROSPECTION

- * How thankful are you? ... Are there qualifiers on your giving of thanks?
- * Is your thankfulness noticed by those with whom you come into contact?
- * Is this an area in which you need to repent (change the way you think)?