

INTRODUCTION

- * THANKSGIVING should always be a reminder for us to consider our attitude of thankfulness.
- * We are to be A THANKFUL PEOPLE
 - Psalm 107:1-2 "Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy ...*"
- * During the past two weeks, we have considered the Foundation, Fellowship and Frequency of Thanksgiving
- * Today, we want to consider the fact that when you are thankful to God for who He is and what He has done, it will bear fruit in your life ... becoming evident in two specific areas of your life.

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; 1 Pet 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 15:50-57; Rom. 7:24-25)
- II. THE FELLOWSHIP OF THANKSGIVING – The "Communion" of the "Eucharist" (Psalm 116:12-13; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Matthew 26:26-29)
- III. THE FREQUENCY OF THANKSGIVING (1 Thess 5:16-18; Eph 5:17-20)
 - A. The Extent of Our Thanksgiving ... At All Times ... For All Things
 - B. The Basis of Our Thanksgiving: *It is the will of God (1 Thess 5:18) ... An Act of Submission ... An Indication of Conformance*

IV. THE FRUIT OF THANKSGIVING

A. Your Thankfulness to God Will Be Evidenced In Your _____
 – You Will Desire to _____ Give Glory to God

1. TO THE _____ (1 Corinthians 14: 16)

2. TO THE _____ (cf. Psalm 105: 1-2; Exodus 18: 8-11; Acts 2)

B. Your Thankfulness to God Will Be Evidenced In Your _____
 – You Will Desire to _____ Give Glory to God

1. THE _____ OF GIVING – THEY GAVE OF THEIR RESOURCES (cf. II Corinthians 8:1-4)

2. THE _____ OF GIVING – FIRST, THEY GAVE OF THEMSELVES (cf. II Corinthians 8:5)

3. THE _____ OF GIVING – THANKFULNESS (cf. II Corinthians 9: 12-15)

INTROSPECTION

- * How thankful are you? ... Is your thankfulness evidenced in your life?

- * Does your speech bear witness of your thankfulness to God?
 ... Is your conversation seasoned with the giving of thanks or the coarse talk of the world?

- * Does your generosity give evidence of your thankfulness to God?