

# MESSAGE

Occasion : Sunday Morning Coming Together  
Theme : Able to Do Abundantly with Thanksgiving  
Venue : Lighthouse BBC Tatalon  
Date : September 13, 2020

**TITLE** : **REASONS TO BE THANKFUL**  
**Text/s** :

Col 3:15

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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Bible Reading :

Col 3:12-17

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13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

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Ps 100

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

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Song/s :

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

The giving of thanks, being thankful and doing thanksgiving is foundational to the Ekklesia being submitted to Christ, praying, walking in Him, being rooted in Him, built up in Him, being established, being filled with knowledge, wisdom, understanding, etc.

Rev 4:6-9

6 And before the throne there was a sea of glass like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, were four beasts full of eyes before and behind.

7 And the first beast was like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast was like a flying eagle.

8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

9 And when those beasts give glory and honour and thanks to him that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever,

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Rev 11:16-17

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

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Rev 7:9-12

9 After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

10 And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

11 And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

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## BODY

### Reasons for Thanksgiving

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Rom 1:19

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened

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The Church in Colosse was blessed in having all the reasons to be thankful.

#### 1) The person and virtues of Christ in us are reasons to be thankful.

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## 2) The word of Christ practically dwelling in our lives are reasons to be thankful to God

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Col 2:6-7

6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving.**

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## 3) The privilege of continuing in prayer is a reason for thanksgiving

Col 4:2

2 Continue in prayer, and **watch in the same with thanksgiving;**

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## 4) All things for us are reasons to be thankful

Col 1:9-12

9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

12 **Giving thanks unto the Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

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## Churches are instructed to be

Eph 5:1-4

1 Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;

2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: **but rather giving of thanks.**

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Eph 5:19-21

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 **Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;**

21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

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1 Thess 5:18

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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Phil 4:6-7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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## CONCLUSION