

# MESSAGE

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**TITLE : THE KNOWLEDGE IN THANKSGIVING. THANKSGIVING IS KNOWLEDGE.**

Text/s :

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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2 Cor 2:14

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

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Eph 1:16-19

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

KJV

Bible Reading :

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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Song/s :

- In My Heart There Rings a Melody
- He Keeps Me Singing
- Thank you for the Valley

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

Nobody offers thanksgiving without knowing why he does. No person will say, Thank you, without acknowledgement.

So we need to realize that to thank God is to have some sense of recognition... with that recognition is knowledge.

Our text above tells us a lot about the knowledge that is present in every thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is knowledge.

## BODY

What thanksgiving indicate:

### A) Knowledge of the love of God in Christ

1 Peter 1:8-9

8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

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2 Thess 1:3-4

3 We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;

4 So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:

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Rom 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

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### B) Knowledge of the truth of God

2 Thess 2:13-14

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

14 Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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3 John 4

1 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.

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1 Tim 4:1-5

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;  
2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;  
3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.  
4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:  
5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.  
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### **C) Knowledge of the Grace of God**

Col 1:3-6

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,  
4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,  
5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;  
6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:  
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2 Cor 9:11-15

11 Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.  
12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;  
13 Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;  
14 And by their prayer for you, which long after you for the exceeding grace of God in you.  
15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.  
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### **D) Knowledge of the will of God and of what pleases God**

Heb 13:15-16

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.  
16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.  
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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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### **E) Knowledge of His purpose in us**

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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### **F) Knowledge that God is in every thing we do and say**

Col 3:17

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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Rom 14:7-8

7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

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### **G) Knowledge that leads to growth, maturity and edification**

Eph 5:3-4

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 5:19-20

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;

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1 Cor 14:16-18

16 Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.

18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

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1 Cor 10:30-33

30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:

33 Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

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### **H) Knowledge of His being Sovereign in all things.**

2 Cor 2:14-16

14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things?

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### **I) Knowledge of faithful lives of others in the Ekklesia.**

Col 1:2-6

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the saints,  
5 For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel;  
6 Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth:  
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Rom 16:3-4

3 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:  
4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.  
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2 Cor 8:16-17

16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.  
17 For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you.  
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#### **J) Knowledge of priority**

1 Tim 2:1-3

2 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;  
2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.  
3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;  
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#### **K) Knowledge of the Victory in Christ**

1 Cor 15:57

57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
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#### **CONCLUSION**