

# CBC BIBLE STUDY

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## GIVING THANKS PART 1

### **Introduction:**

I've been given the direction to teach on the theme of "Thanksgiving".

It's appropriate as we approach one of the busiest Holiday's of the year, Thanksgiving. That day has been set aside for the sole purpose of giving God thanks for His blessing of harvest.

The Bible teaches that we who are in Christ Jesus should give God thanks continually.

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus."

### **I Thes. 5:18**

We will center around the word "thanksgiving", or "gratitude", "giving of thanks" or "praise to God" not because of the holiday season but because the Bible says to give God thanks in all things and in all circumstances. In other words, it should be a part of our lifestyle. Thanksgiving is an expression of our love, gratitude and faith in the only true God and we give thanks as an act of obedience to His Word.

**GRATITUDE** (εὐχαριστία, G2374, [1] *thankfulness, gratitude*; [2] *the rendering of thanks, thanksgiving*; [3] *Lord's Supper, Eucharist (favor, grace, gratitude)*, 1 Cor 10:16). The condition or quality of being grateful; an emotion or sentiment of thankfulness. A warm sense of appreciation for kindness **received**; accompanied by a feeling of good will toward the benefactor, and a **desire to repay the favor**.

The term “gratitude” is absent from the KJV and occurs only once in the RSV (Acts 24:3) where it is a translation of *eucharistía*. **In the KJV NT *eucharistía*** is translated “**thanksgiving**” nine times (2 Cor 4:15; 9:11, 12; Phil 4:6; Col 2:7; 4:2; 1 Tim 4:3, 4; Rev 7:12), “**giving of thanks**” three times (1 Cor 14:17; Eph 5:4; 1 Tim 2:1), “**thanks**” two times (1 Thess 3:9; Rev 4:9), and “thankfulness” one time (Acts 24:3).

Let it suffice to say that no other expression captures the nature of Biblical faith more than “gratitude” (or thanksgiving). With three insignificant exceptions (Luke 17:9; Acts 24:3; Rom 16:4) **thanks** constantly rendered unto God. It appears only within the context of the covenant relationship. Moreover, it is always prompted by an act of the covenant God in human affairs. **In summary, God acts on our behalf and when He acts “thanks” should be rendered.**

### **Praise / Thanksgiving – Ps 100**

“Be Thankful” in the Hebrew is “**Yadah**” verb. definition: to throw, cast

Confess (to tell or make known, to acknowledge); (10), gave praise (1), give you thanks (5), give thanks (59), giving praise (1), giving thanks (3), glorify (1), hymns of thanksgiving (1), making confession (1), praise (17), thank (5), thanksgiving (1), throw down (1).

“Praise” in the Hebrew is “Yehuda” noun. Definition: Praised

What’s interesting is the word **Yadah** and **Yehuda** are the same.

When we understand but a little of the grace of God and His goodness toward us it will foster within our souls a deep sense of “**wanting to repay**”. We cannot repay God. However, Praise/Thanksgiving **is the best recompense of His goodness and His mercy shown toward us**. See (Luke 7). Example of the desire to repay, the woman loved much because she recognized that she had been forgiven much.

Davie felt this deep sense of repay or gratitude when he said: “What shall I render to the Lord for **all His benefits toward me?** I will **take up the cup of salvation**, And call upon the name of the Lord.” **Ps. 116:13** New King James

**Communion – find your place of rest and trust in Christ and drink from His cup. No repayment can be made. Take up the cup of salvation and keep drinking of His goodness!**

Again, **thanksgiving/praise** is the best recompense we have for all that the Lord has done for us! Be thankful and take in all of His salvation, all of His goodness toward us.

God’s benefits (Ps. 103:3-5) This is His salvation package

1. **Forgives** our iniquities
2. **Heals** our diseases
3. **Redeems** our life from destruction
4. Crowns you with **lovingkindness** and tender **mercies**
5. **Satisfies** our mouth with good things

**This is the cup of Salvation!!**

**When we drink, we are receiving. As we receive we should express Thankfulness**

The position, heart, stand of one who is grateful

“For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.”  
**I Chron. 29:14** New King James

“Everything we have has come from you, and **we give you only what you first gave us!**” New Living Translation

The position of a Steward – **Ps. 16:2** (Surrender to His lordship & keep your eyes on Him)

“Oh my *soul*, you have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You.” – This man (woman) is ready for stewardship, he confesses God’s lordship and he confesses that

he has nothing good outside of God, two chief attributes of stewardship.

Pastor Gaines' definition: "Utilizing & managing **all the resources** God provides. He provides for His glory and to the betterment of God's creation."

### **Praise / Thanksgiving protects your hear from pride and arrogance**

#### **"When you were little in your own eyes" I Samuel 15:17**

This statement here in I Samuel 15:17 is part of a rebuke by Samuel the prophet to Saul, the king of Israel, for disobeying God's command. The phrase is used to remind Saul that he was once humble and obedient to God, but now he has become arrogant and disobedient.

Romans 12:3 says no man should think of himself more highly than he ought to think. When we take our eyes off the Lord we begin to think of ourselves more highly than we ought.

Rom 1:21 man stopped giving God the glory and stopped being thankful as a result man became futile in his thoughts and their foolish hearts became darkened.

**Being Thankful to God and giving Him praise helps protect our hearts and our minds. Giving God thanks helps us "stay little in our own eyes".**