

## **THANKSGIVING 2023**

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Tonight is our annual "Pie and Praise" service that we set aside yearly to give praise to the Lord and later have fellowship while partaking in a delicious variety of pies. The praise is to give thanks to the Lord for His blessings, and the pie is a prelude to dinner on Thursday.

Let's begin by focusing on the basis for our giving of thanks to the Lord.



## I. THE FOUNDATION FOR GIVING THANKS

The foundation of giving thanks begins with recognition of the Creator and His glory.

<u>Isa. 43:7</u> Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him. ...

11 | even |, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.





By giving God praise, giving thanks to Him, we glorify Him.

Psa. 50:22 Now consider this, ye that forget God, lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.





Believers praise God for His holiness, love, mercy, and grace.

Psa. 30:4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. ...

12 To the end that *my* glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.



Psa. 97:12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Believers express gratitude especially for God's gift, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor. 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.



## II. THE FRUITFULNESS OF GIVING THANKS

Believers who know and appreciate the value of God's love, mercy, and grace want to praise Him.

Psa. 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Psa. 92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

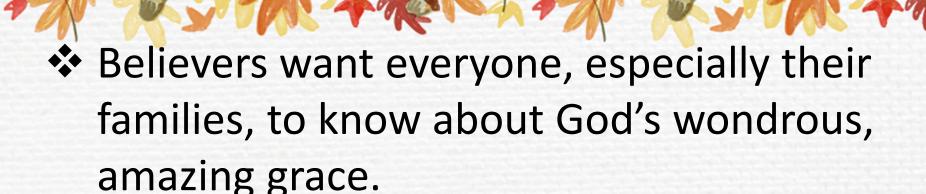


LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Psa. 147:7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Believers' gratitude is a wonderful motivation to support world evangelism.

2 Sam. 22:50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.



Psa. 79:13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations.





The heart's desire of a believer is to be constantly praising God for who He is.

Heb. 13:15 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.

