

always giving thanks for all things

Eph. 5:20

Introduction

- Nothing new about ingratitude among God's people
- Witness account of the ten lepers
- Many New Testament passages for Christians to be grateful to God at all times
- Christians should be the most thankful people on the earth, giving thanks at all times to God, Creator, savior and Provider of all good things

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Ten Lepers

Luk 17:11 While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee.

Luk 17:12 As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him;

Luk 17:13 and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

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Ten Lepers

Luk 17:14 When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed.

Luk 17:15 Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice,

Luk 17:16 and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

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Ten Lepers

Luk 17:17 Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine-- where are they?"

Luk 17:18 "Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

Luk 17:19 And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

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Christians Commanded To Be Grateful To God At All Times

Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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Col 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

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Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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Christians Commanded To Be Grateful To God At All Times

1Th 5:16 Rejoice always;

1Th 5:17 pray without ceasing;

1Th 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Why Are People Ungrateful?

1. We deny God is the source of all blessings, Creator, Redeemer, Provider
2. We elevate our proud selves above God, the Giver of all things

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We Deny God Is The Source Of All Blessings

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

Rom 1:19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

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We Deny God Is The Source Of All Blessings

Rom 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

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We Elevate Our Proud Selves Above God, The Giver Of All Things

Deu 8:3 "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

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Deu 8:10 "When you have eaten and are satisfied, you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

Deu 8:11 "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments and His ordinances and His statutes which I am commanding you today;

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Deu 8:12 otherwise, when you have eaten and are satisfied, and have built good houses and lived *in them*,

Deu 8:13 and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold multiply, and all that you have multiplies,

Deu 8:14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

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What Are The Results Of Ingratitude?

1. Idolatry
2. Immorality – no righteous moral standard in daily behavior
3. Constant complaining, grumbling

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Results of Ingratitude

Rom 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Rom 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

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Results of Ingratitude

Rom 1:23 and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

Rom 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

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Results of Ingratitude

Rom 1:25 For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Rom 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

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Results of Ingratitude

Php 2:14 Do all things without grumbling or disputing;

Php 2:15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

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Results of Ingratitude

Php 2:16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

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How Can We Be More Grateful To God?

- We must meditate more about the Giver of all blessings
- In all situations, He continues to give to all what is best

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Meditate More About God And His Goodness

Psa 100:1 A Psalm for Thanksgiving.

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.

Psa 100:2 Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before Him with joyful singing.

Psa 100:3 Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

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Meditate More About God And His Goodness

Psa 100:4 Enter His gates with thanksgiving *And* His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him, bless His name.

Psa 100:5 For the LORD is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting *And* His faithfulness to all generations.

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Meditate More About God And His Goodness

Act 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you that you should turn from these vain things to a living God, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

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Meditate More About God And His Goodness

Act 14:16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;

Act 14:17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

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Meditate More About God And His Goodness

Rom 5:6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Rom 5:7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die.

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

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1. Why are people ungrateful?
2. What are the results of ingratitude?
3. How can we be more grateful to God?

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For What Should We Be Grateful To God?

- As Christians, we should be the most grateful people on earth
- As mentioned, we are commanded to be thankful for all things
- Let's look at some specifics for which we should be grateful to God

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Be Thankful For Life And All Material Blessings

1Ch 29:10 So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, O LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

1Ch 29:11 "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

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1Ch 29:12 "Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

1Ch 29:13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

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1Ch 29:14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.

1Ch 29:15 "For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

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Be Thankful For Life And All Material Blessings

1Ch 29:16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours.

1Ch 29:17 "Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these *things*; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make *their* offerings willingly to You. 33

Be Thankful For Your Individual Salvation In Christ

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Be Thankful For Your Individual Salvation In Christ

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Be Thankful For Your Individual Salvation In Christ

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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Be Thankful For Your Individual Salvation In Christ

1Ti 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

1Ti 1:13 even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief;

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Be Thankful For Your Individual Salvation In Christ

1Ti 1:14 and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are *found* in Christ Jesus.

1Ti 1:15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost *of all*.

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Be Thankful For Your Individual Salvation In Christ

1Ti 1:16 Yet for this reason I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

1Ti 1:17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Be Thankful For Others' Salvation In Christ

2Th 1:3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is *only* fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows *ever* greater;

2Th 1:4 therefore, we ourselves speak proudly of you among the churches of God for your perseverance and faith in the midst of all your persecutions and afflictions which you endure.

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Be Thankful For Others' Salvation In Christ

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love which you have for all the saints;

Col 1:5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

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Be Thankful For Others' Salvation In Christ

Col 1:6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as *it has been doing* in you also since the day you heard *of it* and understood the grace of God in truth;

Col 1:7 just as you learned *it* from Epaphras, our beloved fellow bond-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ on our behalf,

Col 1:8 and he also informed us of your love in the Spirit.

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Be Thankful For All Spiritual Blessings In Christ

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ,

Eph 1:4 just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love

Eph 1:5 He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, 43

Be Thankful For All Spiritual Blessings In Christ

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace

Eph 1:8 which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight

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Be Thankful For All Spiritual Blessings In Christ

Eph 1:9 He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him

Eph 1:10 with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him

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Be Thankful For All Spiritual Blessings In Christ

Eph 1:11 also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

Eph 1:12 to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.

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Be Thankful For All Spiritual Blessings In Christ

Eph 1:13 In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,

Eph 1:14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

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Be Thankful For Strengthening Us To Endure And Overcome Trials

1Co 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it.

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Be Thankful For Strengthening Us To Endure And Overcome Trials

Rom 8:28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

1Jn 5:3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

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Be Thankful For Strengthening Us To Endure And Overcome Trials

Jas 1:2 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials,

Jas 1:3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Jas 1:4 And let endurance have *its* perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

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Php 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Php 4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Php 4:13 I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.

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2Co 1:8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came *to us* in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life;

2Co 1:9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead;

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2Co 1:10 who delivered us from so great a *peril of death*, and will deliver *us*, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us,

2Co 1:11 you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through *the prayers of many*.

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Be Thankful For Our Eternal Inheritance

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

1Pe 1:4 to *obtain* an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,

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1Pe 1:5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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2. Your salvation in Christ
3. Others' salvation in Christ
4. All spiritual blessings in Christ
5. Strengthening us to endure and overcome all trials
6. Our eternal inheritance

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