

Wednesday, June 2

As a follower of Jesus, you have much for which to be thankful, but nothing is greater than your salvation and redemption from sin. And yet God promises even more than that. Not only are you saved by God's grace, you also are promised the Holy Spirit to guide you to victory over sin and to eternal life with Christ. To have such a great hope now and for the future is an overwhelming reason to be thankful in whatever circumstances you find yourself — good or bad.

Ephesians 2:1-10 and 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

- According to Ephesians 2, why does God show you so much mercy (verses 4-5)?
- Look at 1 Corinthians 15:57. In what has Christ's power given you victory?

Thursday, June 3

It's easy to be thankful when you receive blessings from God and things are going well in your life. It is a bit tougher to be thankful in difficult times or when everything in your life is seemingly going wrong. However, even then you can practice thankfulness that God is in control and is already at work in your circumstances. There is light at the end of whatever tunnel you're traveling. Keep trusting, and keep your thankful attitude active.

Philippians 4:4-9 and Psalm 30:1-12

- According to these passages, what are the promises you have from God even in the midst of trouble?
- What is an anxious area in your life right now and how can you begin to release that to God in prayer?

Friday, June 4

It may seem at times that serving others is so "thankless" that God should be thanking you for helping those who are in need. But the Apostle Paul gives us a different outlook and for good reason. Not only is serving the Lord's mission a great privilege, but you also find both spiritual meaning and purpose when you fulfill those tasks to which God calls you. Being the hands and feet of Jesus in the world is a privilege. Practice responding with humility and thanksgiving for that honor.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 and 2 Corinthians 2:12 — 3:6

- In 1 Timothy, how did Paul regard his own call to service and ministry of Jesus Christ?
- Are you involved in serving Christ in mission and ministry right now? Do you have an attitude of thankfulness?

Saturday, June 5

Even if you have seasons of frustrations or tragedy when you struggle to be thankful, at the heart of your life as a believer you can always celebrate and be thankful for God's unfailing love. David wrote in today's passages that those who have encountered this vast love of God cannot help experiencing awe and wonder. God loves you no matter who you are or what you have done — and it is in this love that you can always thankfully find life, peace, and joy.

Psalms 100:1-5 and 118:1-29

- How does David describe his thankfulness for God's unfailing love?
- Think of a time when you have experienced the great compassionate love of God in your life, and write a prayer of thankfulness.