



**Thanksgiving Sunday ~ Sunday, October 7, 2018**  
**“Radicalis: Deepening Your Spiritual Roots ~**  
**Radical Gratitude”**  
**Luke 17:11-19**

**Radicalis (Latin) =**

“Sink your roots into Christ and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith you were taught an overflow with thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:7)

Thanksgiving is about just that—being \_\_\_\_\_ and giving thanks—a time to \_\_\_\_\_ on our lives and on God’s man \_\_\_\_\_ to us.

**3 ELEMENTS OF THANKS GIVING**

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- \_\_\_\_\_
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“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

Instead of what we deserve, God gives us \_\_\_\_\_.

“Thanks be to God for his incredible gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15)

“O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1)

“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” (St. Ambrose, 4<sup>th</sup> Century)

Gratitude is born in the \_\_\_\_\_ of those who take the time to \_\_\_\_\_ their blessings because they know that everything they \_\_\_\_\_ and everything they \_\_\_\_\_ comes from God—it’s all grace!

Sometimes we can take our blessings and the people in our lives for \_\_\_\_\_ –sometimes we can take \_\_\_\_\_ for granted.

God calls us to live lives of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thanks giving.

“Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**2 THINGS ABOUT GOD’S WILL FOR US**

- “Give thanks...” = ***eucharisteo/eucharist*** =
- “...in all circumstances...” = ***pos*** =

God wants us to be grateful \_\_\_\_\_ all circumstances, not \_\_\_\_\_ all circumstances.

We can give thanks “in all circumstances” because we know that God is in \_\_\_\_\_ control—that He can bring \_\_\_\_\_ out of evil. We know that God \_\_\_\_\_ us and wants what’s best for us, and He can \_\_\_\_\_ any situation.

Anyone can be grateful for the \_\_\_\_\_ things, but to be grateful in all circumstances is \_\_\_\_\_ gratitude.

This passage is a challenging one because it presents thankfulness as a constant attitude of the \_\_\_\_\_.

“A true Christian is someone who never for a moment forgets what God has done for them in Christ and whose whole comportment and activity have their root in the sentiment of gratitude.” (John Baillie)

**3 CHARACTERISTICS OF RADICAL GRATITUDE**

**#1. Radical Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ God.**

To honour someone is to recognize them for their accomplishments; to acknowledge something; or to show respect

“Giving thanks is a sacrifice that truly honours me.” (Psalm 50:23)

Giving thanks requires a certain level of \_\_\_\_\_ –at the very least, it takes \_\_\_\_\_ to think of things to be grateful for.

Thanking God for the things He \_\_\_\_\_ us—for His \_\_\_\_\_—is great and it's important; however, our thanks needs to go \_\_\_\_\_—it needs to shift from thanking God for what He does, to thanking Him for \_\_\_\_\_ He is.

“Give unto the Lord the honour due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.” (Psalm 96:8)

**How radical is your gratitude? Does your thanksgiving honour God?**

**#2. Radical Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

Being grateful can have a profound impact on our \_\_\_\_\_—it can strengthen them and build them up; it can bring forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing; it can build bridges and establish \_\_\_\_\_.

“So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.” (Rom 14:19)

**Depreciation =**

**Appreciation =**

You can't appreciate someone if you're not \_\_\_\_\_ for them—appreciation and thanks giving go hand in hand. When you appreciate someone you raise their \_\_\_\_\_.

“Overwhelm them with appreciation and love! Get along among yourselves, each of you doing your part.” (1 Thessalonians 5:13)

We all need massive doses of \_\_\_\_\_.

“Encourage one another and build each other up.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)

**How radical is your gratitude?**

**Does your thanksgiving bless and appreciate others?**

**#3. Radical Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.**

Giving thanks in \_\_\_\_\_ times deepens our faith and \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

Our Faith grows and \_\_\_\_\_ when we choose to trust God and give Him thanks in all circumstances, no matter's what's happening.

“Even though the fig trees have no blossoms, and there are no grapes on the vines; even though the olive crop fails, and the fields lie empty and barren; even though the flocks die in the fields, and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord! I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!” (Habakkuk 3:17)

No matter what happens in this life, we can be thankful because the Lord is our \_\_\_\_\_, and He promises to \_\_\_\_\_ us through.

“The mountains and hills may crumble, but my love for you will never end; I will keep forever my promise of peace. So says the Lord who loves you.” (Isaiah 54:10)

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)

When we understand and believe this because it can have a profound \_\_\_\_\_ on how we live our everyday lives—and can put our trials and challenges in their proper \_\_\_\_\_—an \_\_\_\_\_ perspective.

The ultimate test of faith is thanking God when life \_\_\_\_\_, instead of focussing on what was \_\_\_\_\_.

“O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.” (Psalm 105:1-2)

**How radical is your gratitude?**

**Does your thanksgiving strengthen your faith?**



**Given these 5 characteristics, how radical is your hope?**

“Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all he has done.” (Col. 2:7)

### EXAMINE YOUR HEART

- What do you tend to talk about more—your blessings or your disappointments?
- Are you a complainer, always grumbling, always finding fault; or do you seek to see the positive in every situation?
- Are you content with what you have or are you always dissatisfied and looking for more?
- Do you find it easier to count your blessings or to count your afflictions?
- Do you express thanks to others when they help you or do you just take it as your due?
- How would other people describe you—thankful or thankless?

“Thou hast given so much to me...Give me one thing more—a grateful heart.” (George Herbert, 16<sup>th</sup> Century)

“It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to his name.” (Psalm 92:1)

**Are you radicalis? How deep are your spiritual roots?**