

I. Why should we express our thanksgiving to God? (v. 3, 5)

A. We know that the Lord is God

“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.” (John 17:3)

B. We know that God is our creator

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.” (Psalm 139:13-14)

C. We know that we belong to God

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are!” (I John 3:1)

D. We know that God cares for us

“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall lack nothing. He makes me lie down on green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.” (Psalm 23:1-2)

E. We know that God is forever good

“Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.” (Psalm 34:8)

F. We know that God is forever loving

“The earth is full of his unfailing love.” (Psalm 33:5)

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

G. We know that God is forever faithful

“For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.” (Psalm 57:10)

II. How can we express our thanksgiving to God? (v. 1,2,4)

A. We can live lives of joy

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” (John 15:11)

“Be joyful always.” (I Thessalonians 5:16)

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.” (I Peter 1:8)

B. We can worship God with gladness

“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come and his bride has made herself ready. “ (Revelation 19:6-7)

C. We can worship God with joyful songs

“Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.” (Psalm 95:1)

“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord.” (Ephesians 5:19)

D. We can live with thankful hearts

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

E. We can praise God

“Through Jesus, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name.” (Hebrews 13:15)