

## **“Thanks For Giving Us...”**

### **Part3**

**November 17, 2024**

For the past two Sundays, we have been grateful to God for the things He has given us.

1. We have been given LIFE, man and woman.
2. We have been given LIBERTY... freedom of choice.
3. We have been given JOY being in His presence.
4. We have been given MERCY as opposed to God’s Wrath.
5. We have been given HOPE as opposed to despair.
6. We have been given FORGIVENESS over condemnation.
7. We have been given SALVATION by God’s intervention.

**Scripture Text: Genesis 15:5-6 NKJV** **5** Then He brought him outside and said, “Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.” And He said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” **6** And **he believed in the Lord**, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

**Romans 12:3 NKJV** *For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.*

Paul says, **“Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God.” Romans 10:17 NIV.** Our faith grows through trials as we trust God by not leaning on our understanding because God doesn’t have to work through human logic.

#### **1. Thanks for giving us... a measure of FAITH!**

**Scripture Text: Genesis 6:7-8 NKJV** **7** *And the Lord said, “I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth, both man and beast, creeping thing and of the birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them. **8** But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.*

Believing in God’s truth alone sets you apart from demanding that He prove Himself to you before you trust Him.

**Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV** *For it is grace you have been saved, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God **9** not by works so that no one can boast. **10** For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Grace is not earned through personal accomplishments. Grace from God is always unmerited. People look for ways to earn (favor/grace) from others through loyalty, whether they please God or not.

As believers and members of the body of Christ, we are given assignments to do unto the Lord and not for man. We may not carry them out like experts or professionals, but we prayerfully ask God's help to bless others. We faithfully complete our assignments for His glory and not for selfish reasons.

## **2. Thanks for giving us... GRACE!**

**Scripture Text: Psalms 130:7 NKJV** *O Israel, hope in the Lord; for your Lord there is mercy, and with him is abundant redemption.*

Without God's mercy, we were lost with the sentence of death and eternal separation from Him because of sin. **Romans 6:23 FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE GIFT OF GOD is Eternal Life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Ephesians 1:7 NIV** *In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

Our redemption took a Holy God to send His Holy Son to pay the Ultimate price with His precious blood.

## **3. Thanks for giving us... REDEMPTION!**

**Scripture Text: Psalms 119:89 AMP** *Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven [standing firm and unchangeable].*

**Matthew 24:35 ESV** *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

Knowing what is true in this world is very vital because lies and deception have led some to an early grave. Jesus prayed in **John 17: ESV:** *"Sanctify them in your Truth, your word is Truth."*

If the Word of God is not in our hearts to restrain our thought-life, we will be ruled by our emotions when we are under pressure. We can all relate to losing it when we have not obeyed the Holy Spirit. During Jesus' temptations in the wilderness by Satan, He responded every time, referring to the Word of God.

**Psalms 119:11 NIV:** *“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”* We hide His Word in our hearts because the Holy Spirit can help us recall it because out of our hearts are the issues of life.

**4. Thanks for giving us... YOUR WORD!**

**APPLICATION:**

There is no one more reliable than your creator, who knows your innermost being.