

December 1, 2024 Worship Service Pastor Bruce Adrian WeAreLifeBridge.com

Increasing Thanksgiving

2 Corinthians 4:15

Is Your Thanksgiving Increasing or Decreasing?

The Root of Ingratitude

The root of ingratitude is indifference to GOD.

For although they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Romans 1:21

The Cure for Ingratitude

The cure for ingratitude is the **GRACE** of God.

For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4:15

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1. The Grace of God MOTIVATES Gratitude!

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. Romans 3:23-24

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:4-8

2. The God of Grace MERITS Gratitude!

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable His judgments, and His paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been His counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?

For from Him and through Him and for Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever! Amen. Romans 11:33-36

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights... James 1:17

3. The Spread of God's Grace MULTIPLIES Gratitude!

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord... 2 Corinthians 4:5

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" Revelation 7:9-10

COMMUNION Give Thanks for God's Grace in Jesus Christ

Followers of Jesus Christ (those who trust Christ for salvation, identify with Christ in baptism, and commit to Christ's body in membership of a local church of like faith and practice) are invited to participate in Communion located at the four tables in the auditorium. After you take the bread and cup back to your seat, PLEASE WAIT so we may eat and drink together. The bread and juice represent the body and blood of Jesus when He died on the Cross and reminds us who our Lord is, what He has done for us, is doing for us, and will yet do for us when He returns. Come, Lord Jesus, come!