



Transformed Living

Living in Thankfulness

"When it comes to life, the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude." G. K. Chesterton

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you.

All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.

And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:3-14 (NIV 1984)

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Thankfulness flows from a love for the _____.

1) A love for the Rescuer leads to _____. Colossians 1:3-8

2) A love for the Rescuer leads to _____. Colossians 1:9-12

3) A love for the Rescuer remembers the _____. Colossians 1:13-14

So what? Does my love for the Rescuer cause me to overflow with thankfulness?

Next week: We begin the Advent season. Our first candle will be the candle of hope. Consider hope as you prepare for next week. Read over the account of the birth of Jesus in Luke 1-2. As you read, notice the places of fulfilled hope.