



Giving Thanks in a New Year

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O Praise the Name (Anastasis)

"...That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures" 1 Cor. 15:3-4

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

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Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?

The angels roar for Christ the King

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Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

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Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day
We're gathered in Your Name
Calling out to You
Your glory like a fire
Awakening desire
Will burn our hearts with truth

Yes, Open up the heavens
We want to see You
Open up the floodgates
A mighty river
Flowing from Your heart
Filling every part of our praise

You're the reason we're here
You're the reason we're singing
Open up the heavens
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Show us, show us Your glory
Show us, show us Your power
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord

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Your presence in this place
Your glory on our face
We're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud
You're standing with us now
Lord unveil our eyes

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Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:3-8

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I Heard the Sound of Voices

I heard the sound of voices
From ev'ry tribe and nation
As they were walking singing Songs
of deliverance
For going on before them
A little Lamb was leading
And I could hear Him singing
Songs of deliverance

For out of Egypt You have
Called Your sons Your daughters
That they might be a witness
To Your saving name
So Father I am walking
Lord can You see me walking
O my Deliv'rer I am
Following the Lamb

Where are the chains that bound me
The cords of my oppression
Jesus the Lamb had loosed them
He's my deliverance

My heart cries Abba Father
For He has led me to You
And I can hear You singing
Songs of deliverance

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O my Deliv'rer I am
Following the Lamb

As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
As for me and my house
We will serve **You** Lord
As for me and my house
We will serve the Lord
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Word of God

The Word of God is
Light in my darkness
Hope for the hopeless strong and true
The Word of God is
Strength for the weary
A shield for those who trust in You
A shield for those who trust in You

Everything will fade
Everything will fade
The heavens and the earth
Will pass away
But You will remain
Yes You will remain
Always

Jesus faithful Word of God
The anchor of my heart
You're everything You say You are
Greater than my deepest needs
The ground beneath my feet
Your promises won't fail me now

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One Pure and Holy Passion

Give me one pure and holy passion
Give me one magnificent obsession
Jesus give me one glorious ambition for my life
To know and follow hard after You

To know and follow hard after You
To grow as Your disciple in the truth
This world is empty pale and poor
Compared to knowing You my Lord
Lead me on and I will run after You
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Our Key Idea:

The church is a believing community of love that acts and reacts with thanksgiving for God's saving work.

Or in Paul's words:

Colossians 3:17- And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (ESV)

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Our text: Colossians 1:3–8

[3] We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, [4] since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, [5] because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, [6] which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, [7] just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf [8] and has made known to us your love in the Spirit. (ESV)

3

Giving Thanks to God in Prayer (v.3)

Giving thanks to God results in praising Him and praying for others:

Colossians 1:3- We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,

Our thanksgiving to God is a part of our praise to Him as the one who gives good things and does good in our midst.

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Giving Thanks to God in Prayer (v.3)

In v.3, 4, and 8, we see the Triune nature of God results in praise and prompts our prayers for others in the church.

- (v.3) *God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ*
- (v.4) *faith in Christ Jesus*
- (v.8) *love in the Spirit*

Our union with God occurs as we have faith in the Son, Jesus. The Holy Spirit then seals us in this life with God and in a love relationship with other believers, as a family.

5

Giving Thanks for Other Believers (v.4-5)

We share in the new life in Christ which is marked with Faith, Love, and Hope:

Col. 1:4- since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, [5] because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,

Faith- Our faith is in Jesus Christ and His finished work on our behalf.

Love- Our new life in Christ not only results in a new love for God but also in a new love for His people, the church.

Hope- Our hope is our new life in Christ much of which is still hidden in this present life.

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The new life in Christ is marked with Faith, Love, and Hope:

Faith- Colossians 2:12–13: *[12] having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. [13] And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,*

Love- Colossians 3:12–14: *[12] Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

Hope- Colossians 3:3–4: *[3] For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. [4] When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

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The True Work of the Gospel (v.6-7)

Col. 1:5b- Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, [6] which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, [7] just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf

Three keys to understanding the work of the gospel, God's true word:

#1- The gospel bears fruit and increases. Because the gospel is embedded in God's true word, it is active and living. The gospel changes lives.

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Three keys to understanding the work of the gospel, God's true word:

#2- The gospel is grounded in God's grace and God's truth. Through the gospel sinners recognize the truth that God is holy, and we are separated from Him by our sin. The gospel also delivers the good news that God graciously saves humble, repentant sinners.

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Three keys to understanding the work of the gospel, God's true word:

#3- The gospel is to be proclaimed by those who believe it. Once our lives are changed by the gospel, then we become servants/ministers of the gospel for others.

10

The Spirit Produces Love (v.8)

Col. 1:8- and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

Paul says that the Spirit produces love within the church for each other. This love for each other causes us to live in community with each other.

Also, in Romans 15:30, this love in the Spirit also motivates our prayers for each other. Our community together is marked with thanksgiving and prayer.

Romans 15:30- [30] I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,

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Returning to our Key Idea: A Resolution for the New Year

The church is a believing community of love that acts and reacts with thanksgiving for God's saving work.

Colossians 3:14-17- [14] And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. [15] And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. [16] Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. [17] And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (ESV)

12

Good and Gracious King

"...Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; The whole earth is full of His glory!" Is. 6:3

I approach the throne of glory
Nothing in my hands I bring
But the promise of acceptance
From a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden
As You give to me Your strength
Come and fill me with Your Spirit
As I sing to You this praise

You deserve the greater glory
Overcome I lift my voice
To the King in need of nothing
Empty handed I rejoice
You deserve the greater glory
Overcome with joy I sing
By Your love I am accepted
You're a good and gracious King

O what grace that You would see me
As Your child and as Your friend
Safe secure in You forever
I pour out my praise again

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