



GRANGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Welcomes you this morning

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"Be thankful"

COLOSSIANS 3:15

BE THANKFUL

COLOSSIANS 3:15-17

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Thankfulness is a necessary and joyous response to God, offered in spiritual discipline, given through Jesus.

#1—THANKFULNESS IS A NECESSARY & JOYOUS RESPONSE TO GOD

PSALM 7:17

*I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness
and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.*

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love every one of you has for each other is increasing.

PSALM 107:1-2

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his love endures forever.*

*Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe*

ROMANS 1:8

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

REVELATION 7:12

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

REVELATION 11:17

"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign."

ROMANS 1:18-21

The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

#2—THANKFULNESS IS OFFERED IN SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

PHIIPPIANS 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

LEVITICUS 7:11-15

"These are the regulations for the fellowship offering a person may present to the LORD: "If he offers it as an expression of thankfulness, then along with this thank offering he is to offer cakes of bread made without yeast and mixed with oil, wafers made without yeast and spread with oil, and cakes of fine flour well-kneaded and mixed with oil. Along with his fellowship offering of thanksgiving he is to present an offering with cakes of bread made with yeast. He is to bring one of each kind as an offering, a contribution to the LORD; it belongs to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the fellowship offerings. The meat of his fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered; he must leave none of it till morning.

HEBREWS 10:19-22

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

#3—THANKFULNESS IS GIVEN THROUGH JESUS

ROMANS 7:24-25

What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God—through Jesus Christ our Lord!

1 CORINTHIANS 15:56-57

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.