

## Episode #446 Thanksgiving 2018 2: Our Thankfulness

I. At this time of year, it is traditional to think of all the things we are thankful for. But do we ever consider the importance God puts on thankfulness in His Word? It is very important to God that His people be thankful, and we will examine what He says about thankfulness today in the dispensation of grace.

II. Last time we considered the example of Paul and the things he was thankful for, such as the faith and love of God's people, his fellowship with them and memories of them; and every good thing in them. Today we will consider how we should be thankful to God.

III. Ways we should thank God today.

- A. Ephesians 5:3-4. Thanks instead of...
  - 1. Many things believers should not be talking about.
  - 2. Thanks is what we should be talking about.
- B. Ephesians 5:19-20. Thankful to God.
  - 1. The Spirit and praise help lead us to thanks. Ephesians 5:19.
  - 2. Thankfulness should just be part of our Christian behavior.
- C. Philippians 4:6-7. Thankfulness in prayer.
  - 1. Give thanks even while making requests.
  - 2. Thanksgiving helps to bring peace!
- D. Colossians 1:3-5, 12. Thankful for our hope.
  - 1. The hope laid up in heaven.
  - 2. Partakers of the inheritance.
- E. Colossians 2:7. Thankfulness helps our faith abound.
- F. Colossians 3:15. Thankfulness is a command, not an option.
- G. Colossians 3:17. Be thankful in all we do.
- H. Colossians 4:2. Thanksgiving should be a constant part of our prayers.
- I. I Timothy 2:1-2. Thanks of first importance.
  - 1. Thankfulness for all men.
  - 2. Thankfulness for rulers.
- J. I Timothy 4:1-5. Thanksgiving for food.
  - 1. God created food to be received with thanksgiving.
  - 2. Part of the doctrine of demons is lack of thankfulness!

IV. Conclusion. Thankfulness is something that is of first importance to God, yet it is something each and every one of us struggles with. We need to remember all God has done for us, and work at making thankfulness part of our everyday lives.