



**Being Thankful**

**Colossians 3:15  
James 1:17**

Last week we saw how we could each have a great Thanksgiving. It really is simple, if we will first turn our lives over to Jesus. However, there is one other thing we must learn. We must learn how to **BE** thankful. Being thankful doesn't come naturally to everyone, so let's look at what is required.

**I Am Thankful When**

I am thankful when \_\_\_\_\_

Thankfulness requires:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*Thou who hast given  
so much to me, give  
me one thing  
more—a grateful  
heart!*

George Herbert

**What Has God Given Us?**

God has given us:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ecclesiastes 2:24-25  
Ecclesiastes 5:18

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ephesians 1:1-10

*O Lord, that lends me  
life,  
Lend me a heart re-  
plete with thankfulness.*

William Shakespeare

**Thankfulness = Expression**

I cannot be thankful \_\_\_\_\_

Rules for \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Colossians 3:15

\_\_\_\_\_  
I Chronicles 16:7-36

**Making It Personal**

Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?

When was the \_\_\_\_\_?

What \_\_\_\_\_?

*The person who  
has stopped being  
thankful has fallen  
asleep in life.*

Robert Louis Stevenson

Being thankful isn't really all that complicated. If we will consider that every good thing we have comes from God, then we are on the way to being thankful. The only left is simply to proclaim what God has done for us!

I marvel at the life God has granted to me. Family, health, friends, and most important of all—a relationship with Him! All of this simply because He loves me. How can I, how can anyone who realizes what God has done for us, keep silent? We need to shout and sing the praises of Almighty God, not just on the fourth Thursday of November, but every day in which we draw breath!