

# I want to give Thanks to God

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, **giving thanks to God and the Father by him.**

## 1. For my **salvation**

- a. He saved me by His grace [Ephesians 2:8](#) For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9](#) Not of works, lest any man should boast.
- b. He loved me before I loved Him
- c. He didn't save me based on works that i have done [Titus 3:5](#) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
- d. He saved me forever [Hebrews 7:25](#) Wherefore he is able also to save them **to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. [9:12](#) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into

the holy place, having **obtained eternal redemption for us.**

2. For the privilege of **serving Him** [Hebrews 6:10](#) **For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**
- a. I love the Bible and teaching it
  - b. I love the church and the people there
  - c. I get to tell people how they can know the God I know
  - d. I love teaching Sunday School
  - e. I love raising a family and telling them about Jesus
  - f. I love being a husband and knowing that I get to serve God with my wife
  - g. I love giving to His causes
  - h. When I was young and was afraid to say I was called to preach all I wanted to do was preach
  - i. I love knowing that He will not forget the slightest thing that I have done for Him [Matthew 10:42](#) **And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto**

you, **he shall in no wise lose his reward.**

3. Even for the times of **suffering** II Corinthians 1:3

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; <sup>4</sup> Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

- a. I now look back and realize that even in the tough times God was preparing me to serve Him
- b. Raised by tough parents was good for me
- c. Raised having to earn my own money was good for me
- d. Having to work while in college was good for me
- e. Not getting paid much in the ministry was good for me
- f. Going without a salary was good
- g. Dealing with upset angry church members was good for me
- h. Deputation was good for me
- i. Language school was good
- j. Disappointment has been good
- k. Cancer was good

4. For how He has **provided** for me [Philippians 4:19](#) **But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.**
- a. God has met every need I ever had
  - b. He has not always given me all I wanted
  - c. When Betty found out she was pregnant with Chris we had no idea how we would pay but God took care of it
  - d. Sachaca was a crazy way God does great things for us
  - e. No matter how much we have given away God has always given us much more

5. For what He has **promised**
- a. He will be with us tomorrow
  - b. He will keep us saved
  - c. He will hear and answer our prayers
  - d. Heaven is ours
  - e. Every thing that happens God will use for our good and His glory
  - f. He loves me no matter how many times I fail Him

## 6. I am thankful for **Vision**

- a. Thank you for praying, giving, serving, coming
- b. Thank you for caring for our family
- c. Thank you for taking care of all the church staff
- d. Thank you for loving the world and trying to get the gospel to them
- e. Thankful for those that do so much cleaning
- f. Thankful for those that keep the nursery
- g. Thankful for those that run the sound and video
- h. Thankful for all that make the music possible
- i. Thankful for the Sunday School teachers
- j. Thankful for the deacons
- k. Thankful for those that disciple others
- l. Thankful for those that work with the children
- m. Thankful for those who do the outreach
- n. Thankful for a tremendous pastoral team to work with
- o. Thankful for those that are so patient with my teaching and preaching
- p. Thankful for those that pray
- q. Thankful for all of you and anything thing that I have forgotten