

THREE REASONS TO GIVE THANKS
December 1, 2013
Thanksgiving Sunday

“For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting
And his truth endureth to all generations.” Psalm 100:5

Scripture exhorts, “In every thing give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (I Thess. 5:18). In every circumstance we are to give thanks to God. A culture of thanksgiving should be cultivated continually in the life of every believer in Jesus Christ. But one who succeeds in fulfilling this command cannot name every blessing God has given, for many of them are not even discerned. God has been so faithful that we’ve never been without them, thus we take them for granted. But a season of thanksgiving such as our forefather’s established in a healthy reminder, and in this message we glance briefly at three reasons to give thanks.

1. Give thanks for God’s Self-revelation^{to} us.

- A. In Nature, in Scripture and in Christ (Psa. 19:1; II Tim. 3:14-16)
- B. By the illumination of His Holy Spirit (John 14:26; 16:13)
- E. By His effectuation of the Scriptures (II Cor. 4:6)

2. Give thanks for God putting us in trust with the gospel.

- A. “God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty. (I Cor. 1:26-26)
- B. “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.” (II Cor. 4:7)

3. Give thanks for God’s promises:

- A. His Word will not return void (Isa. 55:10-11)
- B. Every believer will be conformed to the image of Christ (Rom. 9:28-34)
- C. Christ will come again (John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thess. 4:13-18)
- D. God’s people will be resurrected; incorruptible and glorious (I Cor. 15:51-58)