

**ABATT**  
**Thankfulness**  
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**Thankfulness**

- **Think about this – when we think of what we should thank God for, we tend to look to the past.**
- **And yes, God has done much for us that is thankworthy, but compared to our future, our past is but a moment!**
- **Our future will always be of far greater length than our past – that comes with having a life that has no end. (John 11)**

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**Thankfulness**

- **Being thankful, as it turns out, is an attitude that has no end for the Christian.**
- **To thank God for the life you’ve had is a very short period of time when compared to how long you will live.**
- **The immenseness of what God has given us, eternal life, calls for a level of gratitude that fits the blessing.**

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**Thankfulness**

Paul says, "be thankful in all circumstances" so what will you say to God, or about God when you are plunged into unimaginable Pain?

- You have just lost a child to an untimely death.
- Your doctor tells you that you have 3 months to live.
- Your finances have been completely wiped out.

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**Thankfulness**

**1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:18**  
**Be thankful in all circumstances, for**  
**this is God's will for you who belong**  
**to Christ Jesus.**  
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**Thankfulness**



**Job 1:20** Then Job arose, tore his robe, and shaved his head; and he fell to the ground and worshiped. **21** And he said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, And naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; Blessed be the name of the LORD." **22** In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong. NKJV

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**Thankfulness**

- Psalm 116:12 What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me? NLT
- Most of us we would answer the question of “what can I offer the Lord for all He has done for me?” just like David did at first.
- We, and David at first, think in terms of giving or doing things, but is that the best response?

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**Thankfulness**

- The question David raises in verse #12 is an important one – “What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?”
- No doubt it is a question that crosses the believer’s mind on a regular basis.
- We sense that we are debtors to His grace and recipients of His goodness and we honestly want to honor Him with something!

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**Thankfulness**

- Psalm 116:13 *I will lift* up the cup of salvation and praise the Lord’s name for saving me.
- Psalm 116:14 *I will keep* my promises to the Lord in the presence of all his people.
- Psalm 116: 17 *I will offer* you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.
- Psalm 116:18 *I will fulfill* my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people

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**And so, I ask you – what will you offer to the Lord for all he has done for you?**

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- When David ponders as to how he can show his gratitude to God, he says something striking.
- He decides the best offering he can present is an empty cup that needs to be filled again.
- His act of thankfulness will be to take in more of the goodness of God and more of the inputs of God like he has already received.

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- He says in effect, "Lord you have done so much for me that I want to show the world that your goodness has not run out".
- Fill my cup again so that everyone knows that you Lord, have a never-ending supply of mercy and grace for your people.
- May everyone know that You have all that we need both now and forever.

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- So perhaps the best way to show our thanks to God is to show our satisfaction in Him.
- When you eat or drink something that is distasteful or unsatisfying you do not ask for more.
- In like fashion we rarely ask for more of something that was just okay to our tastes.

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- But when we receive something that is delicious to our tastes and meets our nutritional needs as well, we want more.
- David's question was, "What can I offer the Lord for all he has done for me?"
- Answer – he can show his utter and complete satisfaction, not just in the things God has supplied, but in God Himself!

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**Is your desire for Jesus greater than all that this life can give, and greater than all that death can take?**

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**Thankfulness**

**C.S. Lewis > Quotes > Quotable Quote**



"I think we delight to praise what we enjoy because the praise not merely expresses but completes the enjoyment; it is its appointed consummation. It is not out of compliment that lovers keep on telling one another how beautiful they are; the delight is incomplete till it is expressed. It is frustrating to have discovered a new author and not to be able to tell anyone how good he is; to come suddenly, at the turn of the road, upon some mountain valley of unexpected grandeur and then to have to keep silent because the people with you care for it no more than for a tin can in the ditch; to hear a good joke and find no one to share it with. . . . The Scotch catechism says that man's chief end is 'to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.' But we shall then know that these are the same thing. Fully to enjoy is to glorify. In commanding us to glorify Him, God is inviting us to enjoy Him."

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**Thankfulness**

**“God is the most glorified in us when we are the most satisfied in Him!”**

**John Piper**

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**Thankfulness**

- **Join in on the exaltation of God with God Himself.**
- **Isaiah 43:10 You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God— there never has been, and there never will be. NLT**
- **Hell is a place of eternal unhappiness for those who refuse to join in the exaltation of God.**

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• **Matt 13:44** The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field. NLT

• The parable above describes true conversion – you trade all that you once treasured for the greatest Treasure there has ever been; Jesus!

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**Philippians 1:19** For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, **20** according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. NKJV

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