

God-Grateful P1

To be God-grateful is to ...

III: Rely on God's _____ Romans 3:19-24

In Romans 3:19-24 Paul connects the necessity of the Law at it relates to God's grace.

We find the ...

A. _____ of the Law: v19-21

The purpose of the Law is to ...

- give man God's standard for _____
- to show that all have sinned and all are _____ (John 3:18)
- to convince us of our need for a Savior and to lead us to _____

B. _____ of God's grace: v22-24

It is God's grace that brought about the cross and the cross provides us with:

- the _____ for righteousness in God's sight ...
- an absolute _____ that while all have sinned, all can also be saved
- it is by God's grace that salvation, through the _____ of Christ, Jesus is found.

We truly have so much to be thankful for. Even in our darkest hours of loss, heartache, or change, we can be God-grateful and praise God. Even in our brightest moments joy and service, we can be God-grateful and praise God. And we can be God-grateful everywhere in between.



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Eph. 5:20 / Heb. 13:8 / 2 Peter 3:9 / Romans 3:19-24

The natural tendency of our heart is not to be thankful for what we have but rather to criticize, complain, and murmur about the things we don't like or don't have (Romans 1:21).

Eph. 5:20 tells us ***Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;***

Throughout the Bible, we are encouraged to praise God and give thanks to him, as being grateful is a key component of a Christian's life. When the Christian is grateful in all things, they are making a conscience decision to replace that "me-first" and "poor-me" attitude with praise and thankfulness to God .

Over the next couple of weeks, let's discover what it is to be *God-grateful* .

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To be God-grateful is to first ...

I: Recognize that God never _____

Heb. 13:8; Mal. 3:6

Throughout the Scriptures we find the perfection of God. His way, His Word, His work, His nature and character are all perfect. Therefore, if something which is perfect changes then it is no longer perfect.

We can be thankful that since God never changes...

A. He will always _____ you

- 1 John 4:16 tells us **God is love.**
- Romans 5:8 ... **But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

B. He will always _____ you

- 1 John 1:9 ... **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

C. He will always _____ you

- Luke 19:10 ... **For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.**

Do you recognize the great blessing in the fact that God has never changed? Are you God-grateful in this area?

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II: Rejoice in God's _____

2 Peter 3:9

God's patience with us is connected to the fact that He has given all of free will. If God had not given us free will, He would not need to be patient with us. But because He has given us free will ... the ability to sin or drift from Him, He is patient with us in His Spirit using His Word to correct and help us to straighten things out.

A. He is patient with _____

It is a great testimony of God that He is patient with unbelievers in giving them time to repent and choose to come to Christ for salvation. With this said unbelievers need to understand they run the risk of time running out on making their decision to trust Christ.

B. He is patient with _____

Christians ought to live holy and godly lives as we look forward to the day of God and the Lord's return. Romans 12:1-2 tells us ... **I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**

We can be God-grateful and rejoice that God is patient with us during this process.

