

God-Grateful P2

To be God-grateful is to ...

III: Rediscover God's _____ : Ps. 51:12

Rediscovering our salvation does not mean to get saved again but rather it means to rediscover the greatness of God's salvation of you.

A. rediscover the _____ of your salvation

- _____ of your salvation: Mark 8:36
 - _____ of your salvation: 2 Cor. 5:21
 - _____ of your salvation: 1 Cor. 15:57
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B. rediscover the _____ of your salvation: Phil 2:12

To "*Work out*" our salvation does not mean to work for your salvation but rather to demonstrate or exercise your salvation. Paul gives us the key in how to demonstrate our salvation when he says ***as ye have always obeyed.***

C. rediscover the _____ of your salvation: Ps. 11:30

Why did God save you? Because He loves you—but He also loves the world. How did God save you? By sending His Son to die a horrific death on the cross as payment for your sin—but somebody had to tell you His story.

Many Christians need to rediscover that God's primary purpose in saving them is that they go and tell others of His love and salvation for them (Matt. 28:18-20).

A good start in being God-grateful this Thanksgiving is to recognize that God never changes / rejoice in God's patience / rely on God's grace / rest in God's power and plan for your life / recount all of God's blessings / and rediscover God's salvation.



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Eph. 5:20 / Rom. 8:28 / Phil. 4:11 / Ps. 51:12 / Phil. 2:12

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 .

Last week we learned that to be God-grateful we should recognize that God never changes, rejoice in God's patience, and rely on God's grace. This week we will discover three additional things that will help us to always be God-grateful.

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To be God-grateful ...

I: Rest in God's _____ and _____

Romans 8:28

The fact that God can work all things together for good without having to lie, sin, compromise His character and nature, or break His promises speaks to the greatness of His power. And being God-grateful is to ...

A. rest in the _____ of His nature

God's character and nature is always good which means that His workings in our lives will also always be good.

B. rest in the _____ of His purpose during the process

God has a plan and a will for every single person. On the most basic level, that plan is initiated the moment a person gets saved.

When we realize that that God is powerful enough to do His work in our lives either in conjunction with or in spite of our difficulties, we can rest in that power and we can be God-grateful that we aren't just left to our own faculties and own abilities to live out the life that He has called us to live but rather we have a God and a Savior who is powerfully and purposely working behind the scene to turn our situation for our good and for His glory and purpose.

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II: Recount All of God's _____:

Phil 4

Up to this point, the focus for being God-grateful has been mostly on God's character and attributes—His immutability, patience, grace, and power. We would be remiss, however, if we failed to consider the most basic of mentions during the Thanksgiving season ... His blessings.

A. recount the _____ blessings that God has given to us.

It seems that humanity never has enough. But what a difference it makes when we realize that everything we have has been given to us by God!

B. recount the _____ blessings we have.

Do you thank God for the people you have in your life? The God-grateful Christian is thankful for all the people and relationships they have in their lives because each one of those relationships is an opportunity to learn, grow, share the Gospel, or simply enjoy.

Being God-grateful obviously involves the material blessings that God has given to us, but it also included the people that God has blessed us with to love, care for, and grow close to.
