1Thess #130

Keep on having an attitude of gratitude!

We will be doing the LORD’s Supper at the end of the message today so please be prepared.

Open back up in 1Thessalonians chapter five RF.

November 11 & 12th will be the dates for the Bible Conference. There will be a fellowship Friday on the 10th as well.

Just as a reminder – the RUMBLE platform sometimes has my messages listed out of order.

It depends on the time it took to fully upload and then they go through a commercial process of monetizing it which I do not partake in.

They set it up that way for their own platform benefit. Which I understand, they need advertisers to keep it up and running, YouTube also puts commercials on my page once they are up.

I make nothing on that but also, I have no control over that.

On Rumble you may have to scroll down a few videos to find a newer one.

1Thes 5:14 We urge you, brothers *and sisters,* admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

The Apostle Paul was depending on certain men who were being groomed for leadership roles to take notice and take charge.

This was also a call to all men and women who were striving for maturity to step up and apply the Royal Family Honor Code. Also, to keep watch for those who bring strife into the ministry.

[1Th 5:15](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/15/s_1116015) See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek what is good for one another and for all people.

[1Th 5:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/16/s_1116016) Rejoice always,

[1Th 5:17](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/17/s_1116017) pray without ceasing,

We just did a brief yet informative series of lessons on the doctrine of prayer, which is a good reminder we should cover at least once a year.

**/**[1Th 5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/18/s_1116018) **in everything give thanks**; for **this is the will of God** for you in Christ Jesus.\

In everything give thanks: We don’t give thanks for everything, but in everything.

We are grateful even when the devil’s world tries to cause us to stumble -because we know GOD’s plan is at work in our life.

/We recognize God’s sovereign hand is in charge, and not luck, blind fate or chance. There are many situations that befall us from poor decisions, cosmic influence or Satan’s system working against us. So, the attitude is IN EVERYTHING give thanks, not giving thanks for the challenge, test or adversity – but acknowledging in gratitude that GOD is working in our life to bring glory and victory in the Angelic Conflict.\

 An attitude of gratitude becomes second nature as a Bel walks deeper toward a relationship with God.

This is something that is difficult to grasp early in our walk with God.

It is not natural to be grateful for difficulties or adversity and tests in life, our first instinct in the flesh is to cry out WHY GOD!!??

Why now…why me!!???

This is why there is a list here building upon one another in 1Thessalonians chapter five.

None of this immediately falls into your lap at salvation.

/“When joy and prayer are married their first born child is gratitude.”

 *Charles Spurgeon\*

As is the case with any marriage it is successful from building blocks of growth and learning.

Being a good husband or good wife is a learned skill set.

/There is a building block principle seen in many scriptures, such as this;

1Thess 5:12 -18 - *For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you:* After each one of these exhortations — rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks —

Because to be compliant to the will of GOD is to place yourself in HIS plan for your life! \

The attitude is - “*this is God’s will, so you can do it.*” It isn’t easy to rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and in everything give thanks, but we can do it because it is God’s will.

Yet to achieve this as a lifestyle, instead of a momentary victory - you have to become fully acclimated to God’s word and habitually walking in the new nature.

/Col 2:6 Therefore, **as you have received Christ**Jesus the Lord, ***so* walk in Him,**

We received Christ by acknowledging we are sinners and HE, as Lord & Savior is the only avenue to eternity – we adjusted to the justice of GOD.\

We walk in the same framework…we walk in the same manner as we did at salvation. When we do this, having this attitude, we gain more knowledge over time.

/[Col 2:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/col/2/7/s_1109007) having been **firmly rooted** and *now* **being built up in Him** and **established in your faith**, just as you were instructed, *and* **overflowing with gratitude.**

We find security in Christ (sit), we begin to move forward on our journey (walk) and then we are established in faith (stand) – which brings a new mind-set.\

Turn to the OT - Psalm 100.

The sit – (humility) for salvation and stopping all the nonsense to settle down and begin a serious relationship.

The walk- is a lifestyle change of walking in the new nature with BD washing over our soul structure.

To stand – speaks to standing strong in our faith and allowing Spiritual Maturity to do its job in our life.

That will become the point of an abundant spiritual nature and a consistent outlook of gratitude in our life. REPEAT

This Psalm was likely written by King David toward the end of his life and was to be handed down to his son Solomon and be kept in the temple as a song of praise to Jehovah.

/Psa 100:1 A Psalm for Thanksgiving.
**Shout joyfully to the LORD**, all the earth.

The inward manifestation of a love relationship with GOD will eventually become an outward expression of gratitude in your life.\

Bels who maintain a relationship with GOD through intake of BD and the filling power of the HS, begin a shift or change of their soul structure.

There is a construction active in the Bel’s soul when they walk with GOD.

When a Bel decides to take their time, talent and treasure and press forward in the plan of GOD there is something being built in their soul.

Things such as personal viewpoint, norms and standards, biblical IQ all increase and change over time.

/[Psa 100:2](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/100/2/s_578002) Serve the LORD **with jubilation** (*śimḥâ)*; Come before Him **with rejoicing** (*rᵊnānâ*).

Your new nature will naturally emanate a spirit of gladness when it is fed and allowed growth and nurturing. \

SIM-KAW, is a gladness of heart, it is inner happiness with the result you walk in your life as a cheerful person.

REN-AH-NAW, means the right response to the joy of God’s love in your life – it is a song or shout or a vocal response.

It is the appropriate response of emotions dictated by BD in the soul.

Psa 100:3 Know that the LORD Himself is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

Your true humility which shines forth in a mature Bels life, recognizes GOD is the Creator, HE is the ultimate power over everything and everyone.

There is a true serenity in that knowledge.

/[Psa 100:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/100/4/s_578004) Enter His gates with **thanksgiving**, *And* His courtyards with **praise**. Give **thanks** to Him, bless His name.

These terms not only speak to gratitude and an appropriate response to a real relationship with God – two of these, also point to confession, setting us free to be grateful! \

We not only confess the name of TLJC but we have a spirit of adjusting to the justice of GOD and that sets us free.

Truth sets you free because you surrender to its power and adjust your life to walk in truth (BD).

 REPEAT

/Thanksgiving - *tôḏâ,* confession brings gladness, relief leading to real gratitude.

Praise - *tᵊhillâ,* public praise or a joyful song.

Give thanks - *yāḏâ,* the action of freedom through confession and that gives forth a spirit of thanksgiving. \

TOO-DAH, speaks to a cleansing gladness from confession. This points to an inner joy of relief.

TAH-HEL-AH, means that which is inside comes outward in song or words.

YAH-DA, to put an outward expression of your inward cleansing, pointing to confession and the end result of that confession, which is gratitude.

How great does it feel to be forgiven after we fail miserably – we have that within our relationship with Christ even after salvation.

[Psa 100:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/psa/100/5/s_578005) For the LORD is good; HIS
mercy is everlasting And HIS
faithfulness is to all generations.

This Psalm speaks to the whole world – whomsoever believes upon TLJC can have a life of freedom which brings inner peace and gratitude.

Turn to 1Chronicles chapter 16 RF.

/Psa 100 from verse one speaking to all the earth into verse five, speaking to all generations is not exclusive but very inclusive! This psalm really points to an attitude of gratitude that comes from our release from sins and evil. The fact that our All-mighty GOD has a plan for everyone. We simply need to adjust to HIS justice and HIS plan because the work is already done for us. \

1Chron 16:7 Then on that day David first assigned Asaph and his relatives to give thanks to the LORD.

Asaph was a musician and advisor to the throne of David and so were his sons. (AS-SOFF) was a Levite who was dedicated to King David.

This is a Psalm of thanksgiving!

/[1Ch 16:8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/8/s_354008) **Give thanks to the LORD**, call upon His name; **Make His deeds known** among the peoples.

What does your lifestyle in words and actions say about your relationship with Christ? \

Having a grateful attitude on a good day or an average day is not reflection of who you are in CHRIST – what will reflect that, is when people see you during the difficult challenges and unfair adversities.

Then your life will speak to how grateful you are and who TLJC is in your life.

[1Ch 16:9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/9/s_354009) Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.

The Bel who has truly been forgiven much and presses forward inside God’s plan is often the one who speaks freely and very openly about their love for TLJC.

Many Christians are not truly set free - some even think they weren’t that bad.

This is an arrogant thought!

In many cases, it holds a Christian back from evangelizing and even growing in God’s grace and knowledge.

[/1Ch 16:10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/10/s_354010) Boast in His holy name;
**Let the heart of those who seek the LORD be joyful**.

Those who seek – *bāqaš,* take a serious journey and secure a relationship.\

The original Hebrew is closer to the word – GLORY not boast (HA- LELL) which means to shine and stand out in purity or brightness.

BAH-CASH, means to physically and mentally seek out and secure or take hold of something or someone in a strong fashion. Take action!

[1Ch 16:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/11/s_354011) Seek the LORD and His strength; Seek His face continually.

Again, the call is to seek – make an effort.

[/1Ch 16:12](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/12/s_354012) **Remember His wonderful deeds which He has done**, His marvels
and the judgments from His mouth,

Truly knowing God and HIS plan opens up grace and mercy in such a powerful light, that the Bel will have a joy and serenity knowing they are loved and eternally secured.\

[1Ch 16:13](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/13/s_354013) *You* descendants of Israel His servant, Sons of Jacob, His chosen ones!

[1Ch 16:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1ch/16/14/s_354014) He is the LORD our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.

Let us prepare to take in the Lord’s Supper.

In doing so today…I want to highlight the joy, comfort and thanksgiving we should allow to engulf our soul.

If you are willing to believe upon The Lord Jesus Christ you will be saved.

In that moment of faith, you know you are a sinner and HE is the only savior – in that one shot decision, you have been eternally secured forever, your eternal position has been changed in a dramatic fashion.

Because of who Jesus Christ is and what HE accomplished with HIS earthly ministry. Which culminated not just on the cross, but the death, burial and resurrection….ascension and session of KING JESUS. We are given eternal life and removed from spiritual death which is separation from GOD forever.

In that realization alone, it should bring out a spirit of joy, gratitude and calm assurance for all BELS.

Satan has no victory in your life once you accept Christ as Lord and savior.

Your temporal battle in the flesh has a definitive and victorious ending – you will be face to face with Lord Jesus Christ once you acknowledge the person and work of Christ and cling to HIM for salvation.

There is nothing in you that earned or deserved eternal security, in fact - everything about your flesh is opposed to the purity and righteousness of GOD.

Jesus Christ did the work for us. Jesus Christ passed the judicial process to clear the debt we owed, to pay penalties for the sins of the whole world.

The divine standard to acquire salvation is simply a positive moment of time where we adjust to the justice of GOD.

Jesus Christ did that for everyone.

Not only offering salvation, but also imputing HIS own righteousness into our soul and giving us a new nature.

That new nature will live forever in heaven with HIM, in a perfect resurrection body. Right now, in time, we can walk in the new nature, we can walk in our position of divine union with Christ. We can tap into a power and a mind that is beyond human comprehension… right now!

Because Jesus Christ is GOD, we share in a godly nature, a royal family - a unique experience in time and forever in the heavens.

Because Jesus Christ is GOD - HE is a perfect gentleman and HE will never force you to do anything! Yet HE will always love and forgive you.

How do we not have an inner joy and calm assurance, knowing that?

Jesus Christ could have done any number of things to make people jump through hoops for forgiveness and mercy, yet HE makes it so very simple! HE just wants us to have the humility to turn to HIM and acknowledge the justice system of God the Father.

To turn to HIM and cling to HIS power, HIS work and HIS nature.

I ask that we bring Jesus Christ our Lord and savior into remembrance today.

On the night HE was betrayed, our LORD took the bread and broke it and HE gave thanks.

Saying – this is MY BODY, take and eat.

In remembrance of TLJC let us eat the bread.

In the same fashion Jesus took the cup, lifted it up and gave thanks.

Saying – this is MY BLOOD, the blood of a new and everlasting covenant, each time you eat this bread and drink this cup you call ME into remembrance.

Let us drink the cup.

Let us pray……amen.