

BEING THANKFUL **Selections from Colossians**

Today we'll examine Paul's thanksgiving focus from the book of Colossians

Being thankful ...

I. FOR NEW BELIEVERS (1:3-4)

A. THE REPORT (4)

1. A declaration: Since we heard of your faith
2. The details: Their conversion and their commitment

B. THE RESPONSE (3)

1. Praising God for them
2. Praying to God for them

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II. FOR THE FATHER (1:12-14)

A. HIS RICHES QUALIFICATION (12)

1. The saint's inheritance - Romans 8:15
2. A heavenly inheritance - I Peter 1:3-5

B. HIS RESCUE OPERATION (13a)

1. A directed effort toward us ...
2. By which He removed us from the domain of darkness - See I Peter 2:9

C. HIS REDEMPTION TRANSFORMATION (13b-14)

1. To Christ's reign
2. Because of Christ's redemption - Romans 3:24-25

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III. FOR CHRIST (2:6-7)

A. WALKING WITH HIM (6)

1. Behaving and not just believing
2. A continuing conformity to Christ's ways

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B. DEPENDING ON HIM (7a)

1. Grounded: The foundation of Christ
2. Growing: The formation of Christ - II Peter 3:18
3. Gripping: Fixed in our faith

C. GRATEFUL TO HIM (7b)

- Overflowing with thanksgiving

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IV. **FOR SANCTIFICATION** (3:15-17)

A. OUR PEACEABLENESS (15)

1. Letting peace provide direction
2. Because we are called to peaceableness

B. OUR PERMEATION (16)

1. Welcoming the Word
2. Applying the Word: With wisdom and in worship

C. OUR PASSION (17)

1. The Actions: Every word and deed
2. The Attitude: In the name of the Lord Jesus
3. The Ambition: Through Him giving thanks to the Father

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V. **IN PRAYER** (4:2)

A. A DEVOTED TIME

1. Devote: To be courageously persistent
2. Busily engage in ceaseless prayer - I Thess. 5:17

B. A DISCIPLINED TASK: Keeping alert

1. Aware of needs
2. Alert to God's will

C. A DECLARED THANKS

1. Under the influence of thanksgiving
2. Continually offering the sacrifice of praise - Heb. 13:15

CONCLUSION: *Give Thanks ... See Psalm 92:1 and 97:12 with I Thessalonians 5:18*