

Giving Thanks to God--For What?

While we certainly can thank God for anything and everything, I thought it might be interesting to search the Scriptures to see what the Bible says we should thank God for (by way of Biblical examples). I examined every verse in the Bible using the words thank, thanked, thankful, thankfulness, thanking, thanks, thanksgiving, thanksgivings and praise (where the Hebrew term yadah means to praise or to give thanks). Here is the result of this study:

These first two categories were the most common reasons for thanking God, “for He is good and His mercy endureth forever.”

Thanking God for His **goodness** (Ps. 100:4-5; 2 Chron. 5:13; 1 Chron. 16:34; Ezra 3:11; Ps. 106:1; 107:1,8,15,21,31; 118:1,29; 136:1)

Thanking God for His **mercy/faithful love/lovingkindness** (Ps. 100:4-5; 2 Chron. 5:13; 1 Chron. 16:34,41; Ezra 3:11; Ps. 92:1-2; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1,29; 136:1-3,26)

Thanking God for His truth/faithfulness (Psalm 100:4-5; Ps. 92:1-2)

Thanking God for WHO HE IS (1 Chron. 29:13 in context; Ps. 95:2-3; 122:4; 140:13)

Thanking God for His wonderful works (Ps. 107:8,15,21, 22,31)

Thanking God for His holiness (Ps. 30:4; 97:12; 106:47)

Thanking God for His righteous judgments (Ps. 119:62)

Thanking God for giving us His wisdom (Dan. 2:23)

Thanking God for hearing our cry (Psalm 118:21)

Thanking God for our daily bread (Matt. 15:36; Mark 8:6; John 6:11,23; Acts 27:35; Rom. 14:6; 1 Tim. 4:3-4)

Thanking God for victory and deliverance from sin (Rom. 7:25; 1 Cor. 15:57; 2 Cor. 2:14)

Thanking God that we are no longer slaves to sin but now slaves to righteousness (Rom. 6:17-18)

Thanking God for His enablement for service (1 Tim. 1:2)

Thanking God for His future reign (Rev. 11:17)

Thanking God for the faith of believers (Rom. 1:8; 2 Thess. 1:3; Philemon 4-5; Col. 1:3-4; 1 Thess. 1:2-3); for the love of believers (2 Thess. 1:3; Philemon 4-5; Col. 1:3-4; 1 Thess. 1:2-3); for the hope of believers (1 Thess. 1:2-3); for the grace given to believers (1 Cor. 1:4)

Thanking God for bringing other believers to mind (Phil. 1:3; 2 Tim. 1:3)

Thanking God for believers who receive God's Word for what it is (1 Thess. 2:13)

Thanking God for the joy that believers can bring to other believers (1 Thess. 3:9)

Thanking God for the encouragement that comes from other believers (Acts 28:15)

Thanking God for His unspeakable gift of salvation (2 Cor. 9:15; Col. 1:12-13)

Thanking God for believers being chosen by God (2 Thess. 2:13)

Thanking God for our mission field (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

Thanking God for all things (Eph. 5:20; 1 Thess. 5:18; Col. 3:17)

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