

GRACE

Gratitude 03
November 26, 2017

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Scripture Reading: Romans 11:33-36

I. The Grace in Gratitude

*For it is all for your sake, so that as **grace** extends to more and more people it may increase **thanksgiving**, to the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:15).*

Principle: Thanksgiving is built on the word grace.

II. The Nature of Gratitude

¹² *And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, **have mercy on us.**” ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went **they were cleansed.** ¹⁵ Then **one of them**, when he saw that he was healed, **turned back, praising God with a loud voice;** ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. **Now he was a Samaritan.** ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ **Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?**” ¹⁹ And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well” (Luke 17:12–19).*

A. Gratitude is more than saying, “Thank you.”

Principle: Gratitude is that which arises uncoerced in the heart.

B. Gratitude should not be directed at the gift.

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C. Gratitude is not usually given to that which we consider “our due”.

Principle: Gratitude is that which arises from an underserved gift.

III. The Link Between Grace and Gratitude

For you know **the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ**, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so **that you by his poverty might become rich** (2 Corinthians 8:9).

- A. Grace comes into action as the emptiness of one is filled up by the fullness of the other. For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who **receive the abundance of grace** and the **free gift of righteousness** reign in life through the **one man Jesus Christ** (Romans 5:17).

Principle: When the grace of Jesus penetrates the human heart, it rebounds back to God as gratitude.

- B. Our ministry of grace is to the glory of God. Therefore **I endure everything for the sake of the elect**, that they also may **obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus** with eternal glory (2 Timothy 2:10).

For **it is all for your sake**, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may **increase thanksgiving**, to the glory of God (2 Corinthians 4:15).

Not that we lord it over your faith, but **we work with you for your joy**, for you stand firm in your faith (2 Corinthians 1:24).

Principle: The beginning point, the middle point, and the end point is God himself.

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ **For from him and through him and to him are all things.** To him be glory forever. Amen (Romans 11:33–36).

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