

Giving Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

People Who Are Unbelievably Passionate *Against* God Can Become Unbelievably Passionate *For* God

Acts 22:3-21...*I became very zealous to honor God in everything I did, just as all of you are today. And I persecuted the followers of the Way, hounding some to death, binding and delivering both men and women to prison...As I was on the road, nearing Damascus, about noon a very bright light from heaven suddenly shone around me...I was blinded by the intense light and had to be led into Damascus by my companions. A man named Ananias lived there. He was a godly man in his devotion to the law, and he was well thought of by all the Jews of Damascus. He came to me and stood beside me and said, Brother Saul, receive your sight. And that very hour I could see him...*

Unbelief Is the Seed Of Bitterness

Hebrews 12:14-15

Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

The Scriptures Are Sweeteners To Life

Psalm 19:7-10

The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy...the commandments of the LORD are right...clear...the laws of the LORD are true...they are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb.

THE NEXT STEP

Our lives are changed when we are Baptized by the Holy Spirit allowing the Holy Spirit to guide our lives

Acts 13:52 *And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*

The Miracle Of Transformation

Exodus 15:23-26

*When they came to Marah, they could not drink its water because it was bitter. (That is why the place is called Marah.) So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, What are we to drink? Then Moses cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a piece of wood. **He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet.** There the LORD made a decree ...He said, If you listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God and do what is right in his eyes, if you pay attention to his commands and keep all his decrees, I will not bring on you any of the diseases I brought on the Egyptians, for I am the LORD, who heals you....*

Worship Changes Everything

Psalm 95:6-7 *Come, let us worship and **bow down**. Let us kneel before the LORD our maker, for he is our God. We are the people he watches over, the sheep under his care.*

Worship is the intentional act of honor and adoration that happens when a human soul (heart, mind, body, spirit) **BOWS DOWN** before the (only) Lord our God

Psalm 77:1-6 *I cried out to God with my voice-- To God with my voice; And He gave ear to me. In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord...*

Three Key Principles of Worship

We Are Changed By Worship - 2 Corinthians 3:18 *...And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him and reflect his glory even more.*

We Are Strengthened By Worship - Isaiah 40:31 *But those who wait on the LORD will find new strength. They will fly high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.*

Worship Is Released From Within Us And Not Produced By Us!

John 7:38-39 *He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive;*

Blessing The Lord

Psalm 103:1-5 *O my soul, bless GOD. From head to toe, I'll bless His holy name! O my soul, bless GOD, don't forget a single blessing!*

He forgives your sins—every one.

He heals your diseases—every one.

He redeems you from hell—saves your life!

He crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.

He wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.

He renews your youth—you're always young in his presence.

(THE MESSAGE)