



THANKS (FOR) GIVING

■ **Series Title:** *Thanks (for) Giving*

Series Description:

Thanksgiving isn't just a feeling — it's a faithful response to the God who gives. When we learn to thank Him for what He's given, our lives, our relationships, and our understanding of God are transformed.

Thanks (For) Giving — Week 3

“What God Gave for Us”

Theme: Thanksgiving becomes natural when we remember everything God has already given.

Key Texts: John 3:16; Romans 8:32; Acts 2:38; John 14:26; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7; Colossians 1:15–18; Hebrews 10:10–14

Main Idea:

Gratitude grows when we recognize the incredible gifts God has given us — His Son, His Spirit, and His gifts for our growth.

1. God Gave His Son — for Our Salvation

John 3:16 — The greatest gift ever given.

God didn't wait for us to come to Him; He sent His Son for us.

Romans 8:32 — “He did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all...”

Christ Given as the Firstborn of a New Creation

- **Colossians 1:15–18** — Christ is the *firstborn* and the *firstborn from the dead*. He leads the way into resurrection life.
- **1 Corinthians 15:20–23** — He is the *firstfruits* of a new humanity.
- **Romans 8:29** — We follow Him as brothers and sisters in God's family.

Christ Given as the Sacrifice That Sanctifies Us

- **Hebrews 10:10** — “We have been sanctified through the offering of Jesus Christ once for all.”
- **Hebrews 10:14** — One sacrifice makes us holy and continues shaping us.
- **John 17:19** — Jesus set Himself apart so we could be set apart.

Truth:

Gratitude begins by remembering the cross — the gift that changes everything.

2. God Gave His Spirit — for Our Transformation

Acts 2:38 — The Holy Spirit is God's gift to every believer.

John 14:26 — He teaches, reminds, comforts, convicts, and empowers us.

The Spirit Is God's Ongoing Gift

- He makes us new (Titus 3:5).
- He produces thanksgiving in us (Ephesians 5:18–20).
- He transforms us into the image of Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Truth:

The Spirit helps us live a life of thanksgiving by changing us from the inside out.

3. God Gives His Gifts — for Our Growth and Service

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 — Spiritual gifts come from the same Spirit and are given “*for the common good*.”

Ephesians 4:7–12 — Christ gives gifts to equip and build up His church.

Why God's Gifts Matter

- They strengthen the church.
- They bless others.
- They reveal God's generosity through us.
- They show that gratitude doesn't stop *with us* — it flows *through us*.

Truth:

We thank God not only for what He's done *in us*, but for what He is doing *through us*.

Discussion / Reflection

- Which of God's gifts do you struggle to remember or appreciate?
- How can you respond with gratitude to what Christ, the Spirit, and the gifts of God are doing in your life?