



# 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.

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## 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.

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### **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.

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## 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.

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## 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*.

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## 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?