

Thankful vs. Grateful?

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I. Being Grateful

A. Thankfulness and Thanks

Colossians 2:6-7 (NASB 2020) *Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude (Thankfulness).*

Thankfulness: g2169. εὐχαριστία eucharistia; from 2170; gratitude; actively, grateful language (to God, as an act of worship): — thankfulness, (giving of) thanks(-giving).

Romans 1:21 (ESV) *For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.*

Thanks: g2168. εὐχαριστέω eucharisteō; from 2170; to be grateful, i.e. (actively) to express gratitude (towards); specially, to say grace at a meal: — (give) thank(-ful, -s).

B. Grace

Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV) *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.*

Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV) *Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.*

Grace: g5485. χάρις charis; from 5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act ... (including gratitude):

Colossians 3:14-17 (NASB 2020) *In addition to all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.*

Thankful: g2170. εὐχάριστος eucharistos; from 2095 and a derivative of 5483; well favored, i.e. (by implication) grateful:

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The Bible mentions the word "gratitude" (χάρητι and other variations in Greek) 157 times.

II. Being Grateful is more than saying Thank you!

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Deuteronomy 28:47-48 (NASB 2020) *"Since you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and a cheerful heart, in gratitude for the abundance of all things, you will serve your enemies whom the LORD will send against you...."*

Acts of service are what show your gratefulness!

John 21:16 (NASB 2020) *He *said to him again, a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love Me?" He *said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He *said to him, "Shepherd My sheep."*

Matthew 25:34-35 (NASB 2020) *"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in;*

III. Conclusion!!! The Blessings of Being Grateful

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 (ESV) *He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. **You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way**, which through us will produce **thanksgiving** to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God.*

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Gratitude is a positive response to experiencing God's goodness and grace. In other words, once you realize that God is working in your life, you'll show gratefulness in how you live.