

The Fullness of Thanksgiving
Love the Fruit of Thanksgiving
Discover Church
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Genuine gratitude develops in response to God's Immeasurable Love.

It is God's Immeasurable Love that sets our heart on thanksgiving and love.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

The Fruit of God's Love

1. Our thankfulness is a response to God's sacrificial love

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"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls." 1 Peter 1:3, 8-9

2. Show your love for others as a fruit of your thankfulness

"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us." 1 John 4:16-19

3. Thankfulness in all circumstances is a demonstration of God's Love

“Live in peace with each other. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.” 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thessalonians 5:18

4. Live a life defined by **love** and **gratitude**

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

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1. Our thankfulness is a _____ to God's _____
2. Show your love for _____ as a fruit of your _____
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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Psalm 107:1; 2 Corinthians 9:15; 1 Peter 1:3, 8-9; 1 John 4:16-19; 1 Thessalonians 5:13-22; 1 Thessalonians 5:18; Romans 5:8