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Gratitude Rooted in Grace

2 Corinthians 4:15

“When it comes to life the critical thing is whether you take things for granted or take them with gratitude.”—G. K. Chesterton

Main Idea: Gratitude Sees Beyond the Gift - to the Giver!

Gratitude defined: attitude of appreciation for benefits received

*“For it is all for your sake, so that as **grace** extends to more and more people it may increase **thanksgiving**, to the glory of God.”*

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χάρις - Grace (2 Corinthians 4:15)

εὐχαριστία - Thanksgiving (2 Corinthians 4:15)

Εὐχαριστέω - Give thanks (1 Thessalonians 5:18 & Mark 14:23)

I. Feast upon the Grace of the Cross

a. Celebration

*“Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” **Psalm 34:8***

*“But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” **Romans 5:8***

b. Satisfaction

Satisfaction: thankfulness enriched by relief (A Gospel Primer)

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” **2 Corinthians 5:21***

- List three aspects of God's character that fill you with gratitude?
- How can I actively show gratitude to God and others today?

II. Share Grace so Others May Experience Gratitude

*“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.” **Romans 1:21***

*“Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.” **Ephesians 5:4***

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

- Who can you write a letter of gratitude to this week?
(It can be a text, email or handwritten note, but remember to be specific in your description of gratitude to this person.)

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The gift and the giver:

*“And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it.” **Mark 14:23***