

How Can I Say "Thanks"?

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This message marks our first day back at our physical spaces after a long hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are entering with thanksgiving and praise! We are saying 'Thank you' to God for who He is and His faithfulness! It's not only the right thing to do, but did you know it's also very good for you? Giving thanks is a helpful and essential discipline for your spirit and mind.



NOTES

"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise!" *PSALM 100:4*

Phygital = Physical + digital (our new both/and experience)

"God is Spirit...we worship him in spirit and truth." JOHN 4:24

"The heavens, even the highest heaven, cannot contain you, how much less this temple I have built."

1 KINGS 8:27

"The Most High doesn't live in houses made by human hands." ACTS 7:48

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands."

ACTS 17:24

God is bigger than space and time.

"Enter with the password: Thank you!"

(Psalm 100:4 from The Message Bible)

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done."

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Luke 18:10-14

Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Don't let your 'thank you' to God be full of pride disguised as gratitude. Don't compare and exalt yourself over others.

We can disagree without dishonoring one another.



"Didn't I heal ten? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give glory to God but this foreigner?"

LUKE 17:17-18

"And then Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go, your faith has healed (saved) you."

LUKE 17:19

Say 'thank you' to the God who is there for you, even if you're the only one doing it. Let your faith save you.

"Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." *ROMANS 10:13*

'Thank you' is not an easy word to say from the heart, but it can be so full of healing, faith and power.

'Thank you' is an antidote for pride and the password into God's presence.

Why should we be thankful?

- God deserves it
- It's the right thing to do
- It's good for you
- It's healthy

If we don't wash the windshield of our minds, the dirt can infect our perceptions and shade every thought, giving way to bitterness, suspicion and hurt.

No wonder we are challenged to give thanks always, and to do it as we enter God's presence.

