

Grateful

the means *of* grace

Call To Worship

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

Psalm 47: 1,6-7

Grateful for the Truth Psalm 119:97-105

97 Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. 98 Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is ever with me. 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation. 100 I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts.101 I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. 102 I do not turn aside from your rules, for you have taught me. 103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. 105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Gratitude recognizes God's Word as a gift, not merely an obligation

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Notice the psalmist's posture toward Scripture. He doesn't simply say, "I know your law," or "I obey your law."

He says, "I love your law."

His relationship with God's Word is marked by affection, delight, and gratitude.



Gratitude produces a hunger to seek God's truth

103 How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! 104 Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way.

The psalmist doesn't simply possess God's Word. He actively seeks understanding through it.

He describes Scripture as something sweeter than honey.

In the ancient world, honey was among the sweetest and most desirable foods available. The psalmist uses that imagery to describe the pleasure of knowing God's truth.

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"10 The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived they went into the Jewish synagogue. 11 Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed, with not a few Greek women of high standing as well as men." -Acts 17:10-12

Two qualities characterized the Bereans:

- *Eagerness: They were genuinely excited to receive the Word.*
- *Discernment: They tested what they heard against the Scriptures.*

Gratitude responds to God's truth through obedience

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119

The psalmist recognizes that God's Word isn't simply meant to be admired. It's meant to guide the way we live.

The Word illuminates the path, but we must be willing to walk in its light.

James 1:22: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

There is a difference between being thankful that God has spoken and actually submitting our lives to what He has said.



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John 14:15: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments."

A grateful heart doesn't merely celebrate the presence of God's truth; it submits to the direction of God's truth.

Obedience isn't how we earn God's love. It's one of the ways we respond to the love we've already received.



Our greatest reason for *Gratitude* is that God's truth leads us to Christ

John 1:14: "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."

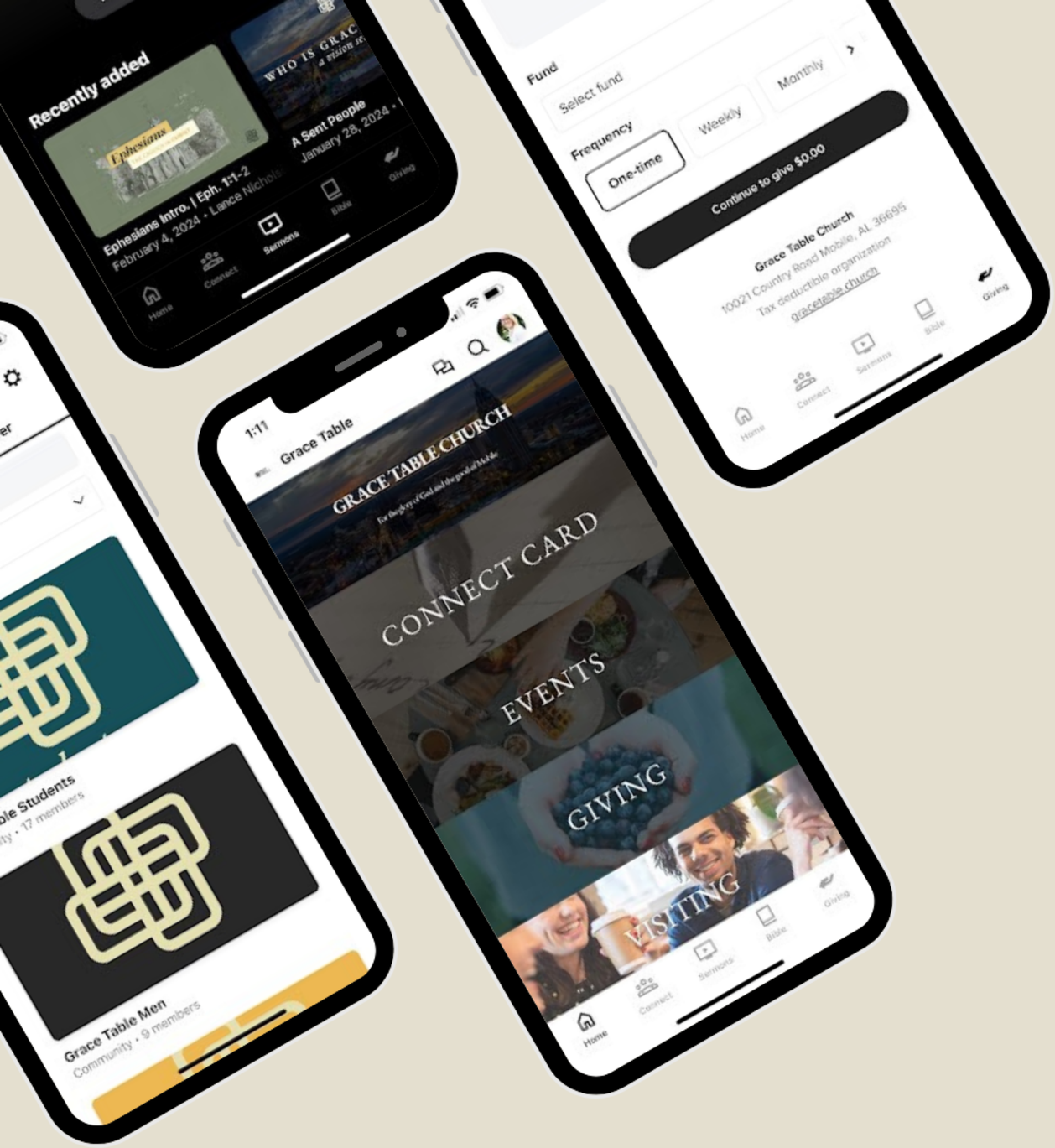
Christianity isn't merely about God giving humanity a collection of instructions.

It's about God revealing Himself ultimately and decisively through His Son, Jesus Christ.



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2 Corinthians 13:14

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And also with you!