## Thankful 1 Thessalonians 5:18

True Thanksgiving is a voluntary expression of a heartfelt gratitude for the benefits we received. Its effectiveness depends upon how sincere our thanks is. 2 Corinthians 9:11

Thanksgiving is extremely personal, but no one can offer for us our word of thanksgiving. Leviticus. 22:29

Thanksgiving is in no way a payment for the benefit we received; it is rather a gracious acknowledgement of the fact that the one who has received the benefit is now indebted to the giver.

Psalm 105:1-3

Since no payment can be made to God for His unmeasured and uncounted benefits, the obligation to be thanksgiving to Him is closely related to worship and praise. Psalm 107:1-3, 22. Psalm 116:17

The offering, or sacrifice, of thanksgiving Leviticus. 7:12, 12, 15, Psalms 107:22,

There is ceaseless thanksgiving in heaven Revelation. 4:9, 7:12, 11:17.

Although, this theme of thanksgiving is constantly being neglected most important praise is in order. Psalms 92:1

In the New Testament the theme of thanksgiving is mentioned around forty-five times, and this form of praise is offered for both temporal and spiritual blessings. <u>Matthew 15;36, 26:27, Mark 8:6, 14:23, Luke 22:17-19, John 6:23, 1Corinthians 11:24</u>

The Apostle Paul was faithful in giving thanks. Acts 27:35, Romans 14:6, 1Timothy 4:3-4

## Thanksgiving on the part of the Apostle Paul is worthy of close attention.

Paul would often use the phase "thanks be unto God" in connection with Christ Jesus as the "unspeakable" gift. 2 Corinthians 2:14, 9:15, 8:16, 1 Corinthians 15:57, 1 Thessalonians 1:2, 3:9, 1 Timothy 2:1

## There are Two important features of Thanksgiving according to the New Testament

Thanksgiving should be prayer without ceasing because God is unchanging, and His benefits never cease. 2 Corinthians 4:15, Hebrews 13:15 Ephesians 1:16, 5:20, Colossians 1:3, 4:2

Thanksgiving should be offered for all things. Ephesians 5:20, Philippians, Romans 8:28

Giving thanks for all things is far from giving thanks for somethings. Ephesians 5:18-20

Danial gave thank while facing the sentence of death Danial 6:10

Jonah gave thanks from the belly of a great fish Jonah 2:9

**Question** "Where is your thanks?

There is a common sin call ingratitude and can be given towards God. Luke 17:11-19,

This sin will become more common in what is called the "last days" 1 Timothy 3:2

It should be remembered that Thanksgiving Day is a day for all believers to give thanks in total recognition of all Christ Jesus has done for us all.