

Gratitude Guide
2022





Introduction - November 14

Colossians 2:6-7

“abounding in thanksgiving”

It's Thanksgiving season and we're once again taking time to look to Jesus and all the blessings that we can be thankful for from Him. We'll be in Colossians, which is a book relentless in its focus on Jesus. In chapter 2, as we have received Jesus, we walk in Him, meaning we continue to be rooted in Him, built up in Him, established in our faith in Him, and abounding in thanksgiving. Each day in the coming days, we'll give you a Scripture verse to consider (many of the “hims” are in fact Him, Jesus). So, join us as we transition our hearts to be abounding in thanksgiving in this season.



Nov 15 - Colossians 2:8-10
"you have been filled in Him"

What are all the things going after your attention? What are the things of this world that captivate you? Consider what it would look like to center in Jesus, in whom all the fullness of deity dwells bodily. And, thank God that you are filled with Him, the head of all rule and authority.



Nov 16 - Colossians 2:11 - *"in Him also you were circumcised...by putting off the body of flesh"*

Circumcision marked off people as set apart to God. And, think about how the life you live in your body is changed by the work of Christ for you. Can you thank Him for changing you today?



Nov 17 - Colossians 2:12

“having been buried with Him in baptism”

Baptism pictures an amazing reality: you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. The old before Christ you has gone into the grave.

Thank God for saving you from all your past.



Nov 18 - Colossians 2:12

“you were also raised with Him”

Yesterday we thought our before Christ life being put to death. The end of v.12 points to the same power that raised Christ from the dead changing our lives. We were raised to a new life in Jesus. Thank God for the spiritual life that you've been given.



Nov 19 - Colossians 2:13
"God made alive together with Him"

We were dead for not following God and in no way set apart for Him in the way we lived, but God overcame all that and breathed spiritual life into us. We are alive in Him. New life always provokes joy. Let's thank Him for resurrecting us.



Sun Nov 20 - Colossians 2:13
"having forgiven us all our trespasses"

Maybe some of the best news is the forgiveness of our sinful acts by God Himself. It took Jesus' blood to cover this sin, but thank God for taking your sin as far as the east is from the west.



Nov 21 - Colossians 2:14

"This He set aside, nailing it to the cross"

My sin, Oh, the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord oh my soul. Thank Him by singing this song of thanks to Him.



Nov 22 - Colossians 2:15 - *"He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame by triumphing over them in Him"*

When our victory was won on the cross, not only were we forgiven and changed, but victory was won over spiritual enemies, who work for our destruction. Thank God that we have the victory through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Nov 23 - Colossians 2:18-19 - "the whole body
...grows with a growth that is from God."

It easy for people to judge us for not doing this or that, but we're drawn to hold fast to Jesus. In Him, the whole body grows. Thank God that not only your growth, but the good of your brothers and sisters in the body of Christ have growth from Jesus, our Head.



Nov 24 - Colossians 3:2-4 - "Set your minds
on things that are above... for you have died and
your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your
life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory."

What a great way to end this time of thanking God for His work. Spend time this Thanksgiving day (in between food, football, and fun) to look to Jesus and the future realities that you can be thankful for now. Happy Thanksgiving.

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