

# Thanks for What God has Done

*Colossians 1:12-14*

**Introduction:**

**\* Turn to Luke 17:12-19**

**• Test yourself to see how thankful you are** Circle 1 or 2

Am I more ready to 1-pray or to 2-praise?

Am I more inclined to 1-ask God for what I don't have? *OR* 2-thank God for what I already have?

Do I see myself as 1-deserving better than I receive? *OR* 2-deserving less than I receive?

Am I surprised 1-by trial? *OR* 2-by blessing?

Am I more 1-critical & discontent? *OR* 2-affirming & content?

**Psalm 50:14** *Offer unto God thanksgiving*

**Ephesians 5:20** *always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God*

**Colossians 3:17** *whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

**Romans 1:21** *although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him.*

**2 Timothy 3:2** *People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful*

**1 Thessalonians 5:18 NIV** *give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**1-v12** *giving thanks to the Father,*

**2-who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.**

**3-v13** *For He delivered us from the domain of darkness,*

**4-and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,**

**5-v14** *in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

## #1-Enjoying Thankfulness

*12 giving thanks to the Father*

**1<sup>st</sup>** – Enjoying a Thankful \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalm 9:1** *I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all Thy wonders.*

**Psalm 86:12** *I will give thanks to Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will glorify Thy name forever.*

**James 1:17** *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change*

**2<sup>nd</sup>** – Enjoying \_\_\_\_\_ Gratitude

1:3 *We give thanks to God.*

1:12 *giving thanks to the Father*

2:7 *overflowing with gratitude*

3:16 *singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God*

4:2 *Devote yourselves to prayer... with an attitude of thanksgiving*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – Enjoying \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father

**Romans 8:15** *For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father"*

## #2-Ready for a Future Inheritance

*12 who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

### 1<sup>st</sup> – God did the \_\_\_\_\_ to Save us

**Romans 5:19** *For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.*

**Ephesians 2:1** *And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,*

**Ephesians 2:12** *you were at that time separate from Christ, ...having no hope and without God in the world.*

**Romans 3:10** *There is none righteous, not even one; 11 There is none who understands, There is none who seeks for God; 12 All have turned aside, ... There is none who does good, There is not even one.*

### 2<sup>nd</sup> – God has Given us an \_\_\_\_\_

#### What is our inheritance?

**Eternal life** **Matthew 19:29** *everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, shall receive many times as much, and shall inherit eternal life.*

**The Earth** **Matthew 5:5** *Blessed ... gentle, for they shall inherit the earth*

**Revelation 20:6** *they ... will reign with Him for a thousand years.*

**The Promises of God** **Hebrews 6:12**

#### When is our inheritance?

**1 Peter 1:4** *to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,*

**Ephesians 1:13** *you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is given as a pledge of our inheritance*

**Ephesians 1:18** *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know... what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints*

### 3<sup>rd</sup> – God has given us a \_\_\_\_\_ with Him

**1 Corinthians 6:9** *Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.*

**Ephesians 5:5** *For this you know with certainty, that no immoral or impure person or covetous man, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.*

## #3-Delivered us from Dark Danger

*13 For He delivered us from the domain of darkness*

### 1<sup>st</sup> – God \_\_\_\_\_ our Rescue

**2 Corinthians 5:17** *if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

**Romans 6 2** *How shall we who died to sin still live in it? 7 for he who has died is freed from sin. 11 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

2<sup>nd</sup> – God removed us out from under the sway of the \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Kings 22: 20** *And the Lord said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that. 21 'Then a spirit came forward and stood before the Lord and said, 'I will entice him.' 22 'And the Lord said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so*

**2 Peter 2:10** *Daring, self-willed, they do not tremble when they revile angelic majesties, 11 whereas angels who are greater in might and power do not bring a reviling judgment against them before the Lord.*

**1 John 4:4** *greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world*

**Corinthians 12:7** *a messenger of Satan to buffet me*

**1 Peter 5:8** *the devil prowls ... seeking to devour.*

**Ephesians 4:27, 6:11 & James 4:7** *not give the devil an opportunity; but put on the full armor, stand firm against the schemes of the devil; Submit to God, and resist the devil*

## #4-Transferred to the Rule of Christ

**13** *and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,*

1<sup>st</sup> – God has changed our \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 14:17** *for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

2<sup>nd</sup> – God has changed our \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 12:32** *Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions and give to charity; make yourselves purses which do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near, nor moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

**1 Thessalonians 2:12** *so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

**Hebrews 12:28** *since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe*

## #5-Forgiven for All of our Sins

**14** *in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins*

1<sup>st</sup> – Christ freed us from our \_\_\_\_\_ to Sin

**Ephesians 1:7** *In Him we have redemption through His blood*

**1 Peter 1:18** *you were not redeemed with perishable things ... but with precious blood*

2<sup>nd</sup> – Christ Pardoned us from all our \_\_\_\_\_

**Psalms 103:12** *As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.*

### Conclusion/Prayer

**#1-Let's worship God by believing He does it all**

**#2-Let's honor God by practicing our position**

**#3-Let's give thanks to God by remembering what He's done for us**

# Count your many blessings

**Count your many blessings**

**Count your blessings, name them one by one;**

**Count your blessings, see what God hath done;**

**Count your blessings Name them one by one;**

**Count your many blessings see what God has done**

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, when you are discouraged,  
thinking all is lost,

Count your many blessings, name them one by one, And it will surprise you what  
the Lord hath done

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear. Count your many blessings  
every doubt will fly,

And you will be singing as the days go by

When you look at others with their lands and gold, Think that Christ has promised  
you, His wealth untold; Count your many blessings, money cannot buy,

Your reward in Heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small.

Do not be discouraged, God is over all;

Count you many blessings, angels will attend,

Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.