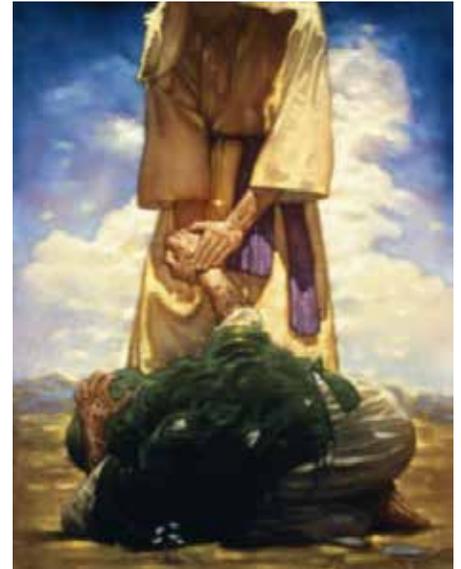


“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth.” 2 Thessalonians 1:3 KJV



We hardly think of thankfulness as an obligation, but it is. We are commanded, *“In everything give thanks.”* Do you pay for air, water, or sunlight? You might say, *“It is my God-given right.”* And you would be absolutely correct: God-given! Men accept, nay, take these gifts from their Creator; telling themselves they are somehow a result of billions of years of evolution to avoid thankfulness! They propose foolish theories of how life exists, but never offer one shred of evidence to support the absolutely perfect mixture of gases that we call air and water. Did these evolve also, or were they perfectly mixed from the start? And if, according to their preposterous theories, everything evolves, how so? They grope blindly for the Truth trumpeted at them every single day of their life. *“The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. THERE IS NO SPEECH NOR LANGUAGE, WHERE THEIR VOICE IS NOT HEARD.”* Men become fools in their quest to explain a universe without a Creator! *“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, NIETHER WERE THANKFUL!”* They are desperate to prove there is no God, because then they would have to abandon all pride and grovel at the feet of eternity’s Sovereign; proclaiming their wretchedness! Proud self-deception keeps them from ever obtaining the eternal liberty found at the foot of the Cross! Think of it, Dear Believer; in Christ we stand delivered and eternally secure, but that is just the beginning! We are given through the gift of faith, adoption into God’s own family, promised eternal bodies which are able to stand in the very presence of God where there are *“pleasures for evermore! Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. Give thanks ALWAYS”* to God! What else matters? Death is only a portal to immortality and bliss, so why would we fear it? God has fixed our departure date and time and expects us to *“endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ”* that we might rescue the perishing and care for the dying! It’s not enough to be free if your family and friends still languish in the dark dungeons of damnation and hopelessness!

Our thankfulness unto the Lord,
Possesses promises from His Word,
Unending nuggets in our purse,
They give to us the universe! -CGP

There is no limit to God’s riches! We may give away as much as we may and never exhaust its coffers. His grace and love are inexhaustible! *“His mercy endures to every generation!”* Ours may very well be the last! Are you daily thankful for *“the Hope that lies within you?”* Have you given its golden nugget of promise to others?

“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord (God’s Word), so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith (gift of God’s Word), as ye have been taught, abounding therein WITH THANKSGIVING.” Colossians 2:6-7 KJV