



Grateful for His Grace





Americans are likely to associate Thanksgiving with the harvest feast shared by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe in 1621.



But as Christians, we know that Thanksgiving is much more than an annual celebration. For the people of God, thanksgiving is a way of life.

In fact, it is the ABSENCE of thankfulness that helps to define the carnal nature of fallen man.

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According to Strong's Greek Concordance, this word **thankful** is *eucharisteo* (to be grateful, feel thankful, give thanks). The root word of *eucharisteo* is *charis* (grace, favor, kindness, blessing)

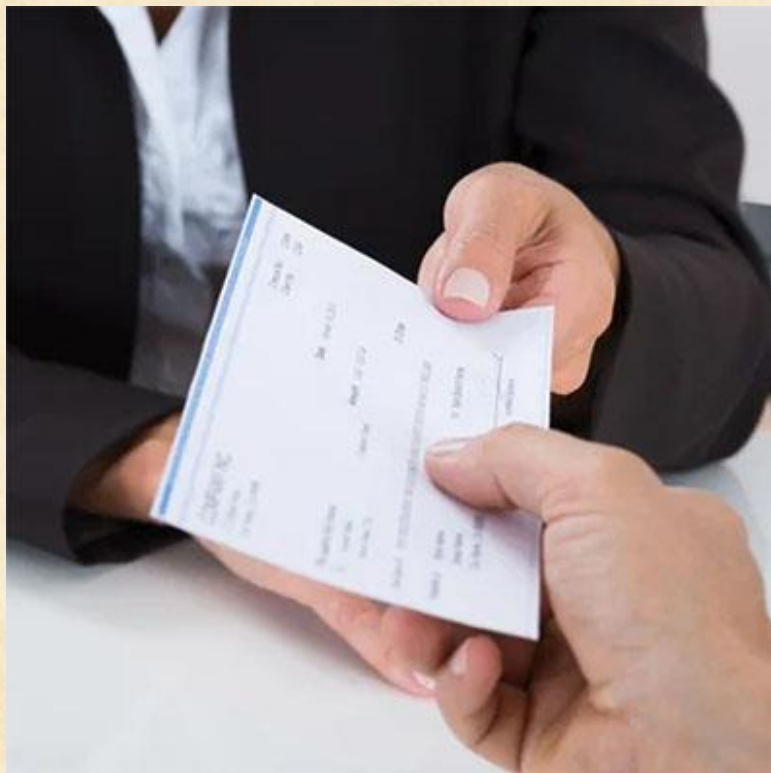
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Receiving a wage is much different than receiving a gift.



We should all be continually grateful that God does not recompense us according to our earnings...

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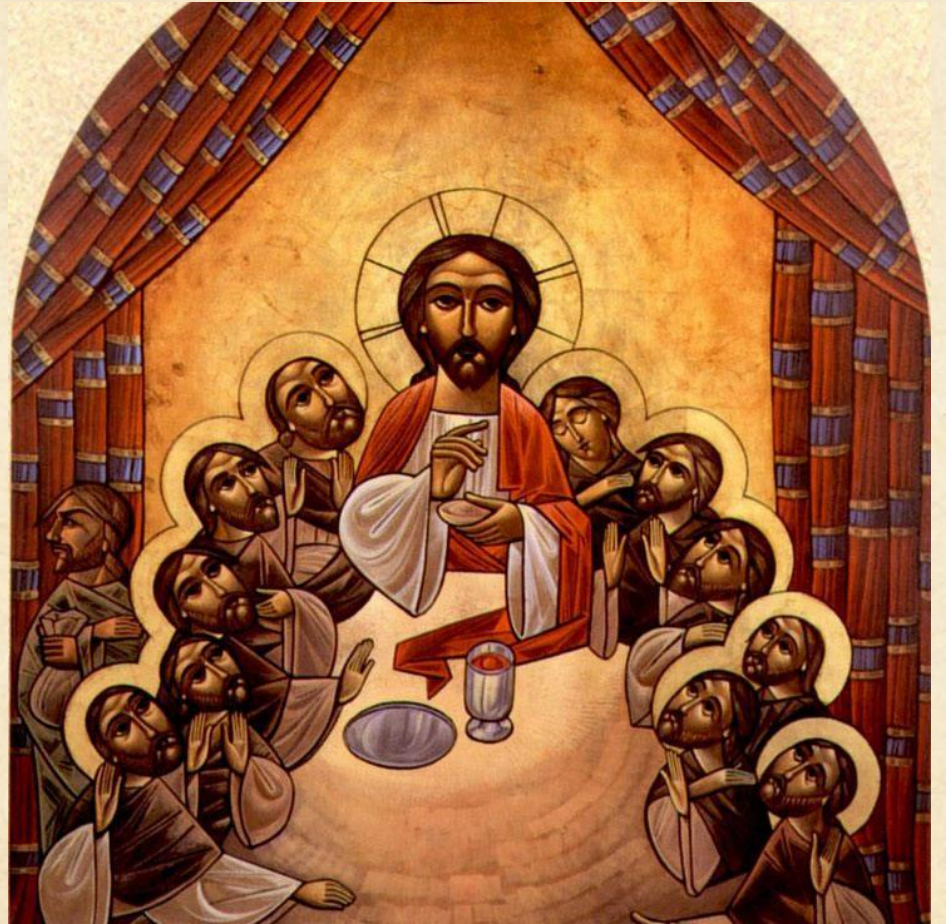


... and eternally grateful for God's gracious gift.

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This is also why, when someone is asked to give thanks before a meal, he is asked to “say grace.”



God-fearing people recognize that all the good things in life are because of God's grace toward us.

2 Corinthians 9:8

⁸ And God *is* able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every good work:



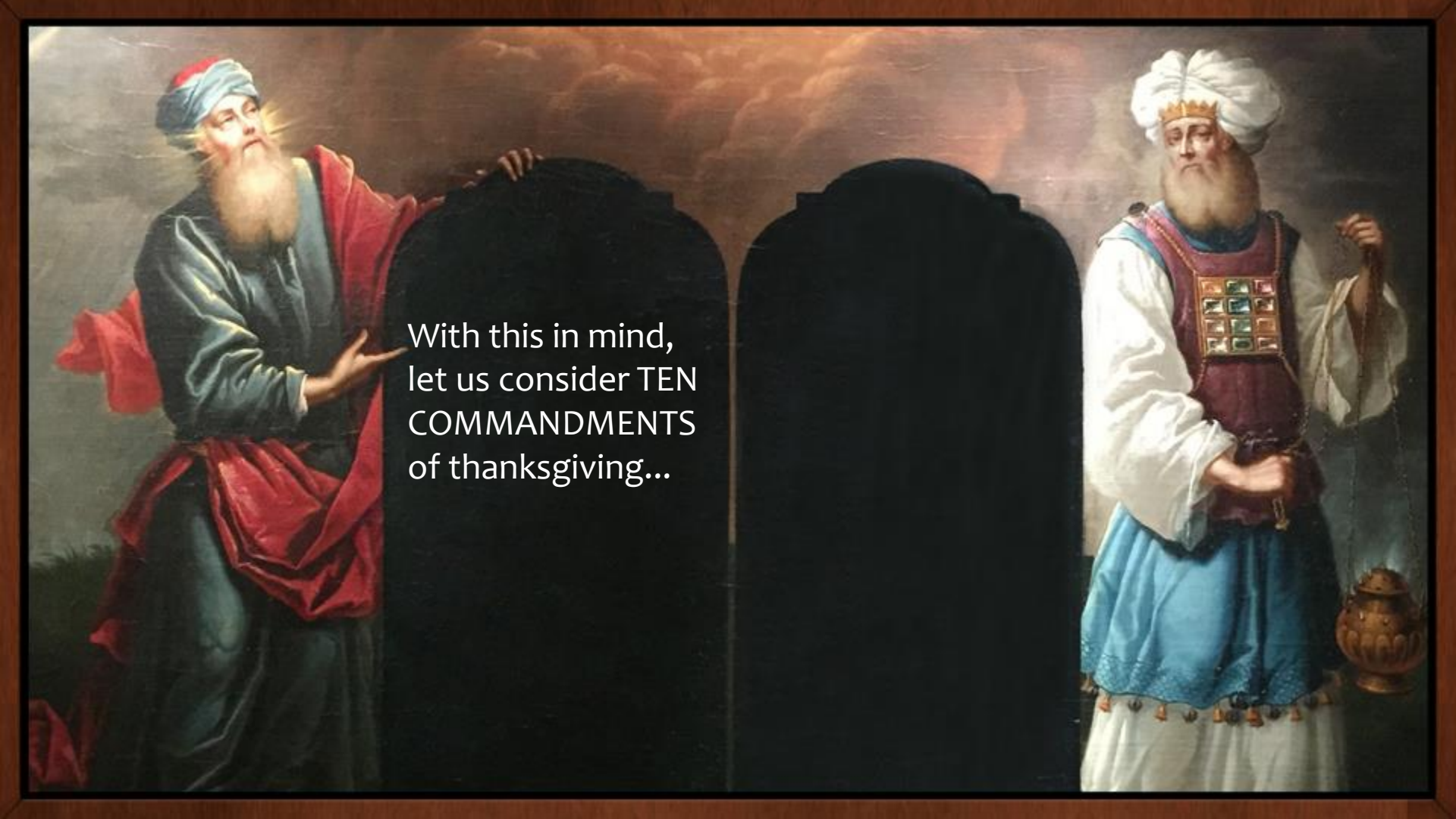
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1 Corinthians 10:30


³⁰ For if I by grace [*charis*] be a partaker,
why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks [*eucharisteo*]?

2 Corinthians 1:11

¹¹ Ye also helping together by prayer for us,
that for the gift [*charisma*] bestowed upon us by the means of many persons
thanks [*eucharisteo*] may be given by many on our behalf.



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10 places where we
are commanded by
God to be thankful.
(And yes, there are
many more!)



1

Be grateful for the grace by which we were chosen to salvation.

2 Thessalonians 2:13

¹³ But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:





2

Be grateful for the grace that made us
victorious over sin and death.

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

⁵⁶ The sting of death *is* sin; and
the strength of sin *is* the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks *be* to God,
which giveth us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.





3

Be grateful for the grace by which we triumph over life's adversities.

2 Corinthians 2:14

¹⁴ Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.





4

Be grateful for the grace that made us
members of the church of the One Body.

Colossians 3:15

¹⁵ And let the peace of God
rule in your hearts,
to the which also ye are called
in one body;
and be ye thankful.





5

Be grateful for the grace by which we can walk in Christ and in faith.

Colossians 2:6-7

- ⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:
- ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.





6

Be grateful for the grace by which God keeps us in his peace.

Philippians 4:6-7

- ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



7

Be grateful for the grace by which Christ governs all that are in authority.

1 Timothy 2:1-2

- ¹ I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- ² For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.





8

Be grateful for the grace which defines
God's will for our lives.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

¹⁸ In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in
Christ Jesus concerning you.





9

Be grateful for the grace that allows us to see God's sovereignty over all things.

Ephesians 5:20

²⁰ Giving thanks always
for all things
unto God and the Father in the
name of our Lord Jesus Christ;





10

Be grateful for the grace by which we can praise God in word and deed.

Colossians 3:17

¹⁷ And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.



We are told to present ourselves before God as living sacrifices.

Romans 12:1

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies **a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.



Let our sacrifice be one of praise and thanksgiving.

Hebrews 13:15

¹⁵ By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips **giving thanks to his name.**





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