

# **“Thanksgiving”**

## **Psalm 100:1-5**

### Introduction

- I. Much emphasis is given in the Bible about showing gratitude to God.
- II. A failure to be thankful shows a lack of spiritual maturity (2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- III. A Christian's life should be one of thanksgiving [“thanksgiving”, if you will] (1 Thess. 5:8; Phil. 4:6).
  - A. Show thanks by being active.
  - B. Show thanks by being different.
  - C. Show thanks by being loyal.

### Discussion

- I. I can show thanks by being active (Rom. 12:1, 11).
  - A. Be active in spreading the Gospel (Mark 16:15; Matt. 4:19).
  - B. Be active in helping others (Gal. 6:10; James 1:27; cf. Mark 10:45).
  - C. Be active in encouraging your brethren (1 Thess. 5:11; Rom. 14:19; cf. Eph. 4:11-13).
- II. I can show thanks by being different (Rom. 12:2; cf. 1 Pet. 1:13-16).
  - A. Be different in your mindset (1 John 2:15-17; Col. 3:1-2).
  - B. Be different in your speech (Eph. 4:25, 29-31; James 3:8-12).
  - C. Be different in your dress (1 Tim. 2:8-10; 1 Pet. 3:1-6; cf. Gen. 3:21).
- III. I can show thanks by being loyal (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:6-8).
  - A. Be loyal in attending services of the church (Heb. 10:25; Acts 20:7).
  - B. Be loyal in our stewardship (1 Cor. 4:1-2; 1 Pet. 4:10-11).
  - C. Be loyal in every aspect of life (1 Pet. 4:12-16; 2 Cor. 4:8-10).

### Conclusion

- I. Am I living a life of thanksgiving (“thanksgiving”)?
- II. We should always be thankful for the love, mercy, and grace of God!