

1. Earlier I completed the exegesis of Col 3:17. When time expired we were in the process of studying the Doctrine of Thanks.
2. Before we continue that study you may want to take advantage of God's protocol for fellowship by silently naming your sins to God as we pray.
3. Let me first give you an expanded translation of Col 3:16-17 and then, after a brief review, we will resume our categorical study of divine good.

Col 3:16 You must again and again decide to let the Word of Christ dwell richly and abundantly in your soul by means of the application of the doctrine in the sphere of your soul, teaching and encouraging one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing praise to God's grace as you exhale your love of God in song.

Col 3:17 and whatever else you choose to do, whether in spoken word or in the application of the Word of God, you must do it while giving thanks to God the Father in the name of God the Son.

4. I want to review some of that learned last week and then pick up with new material on page 2.

Doctrine of Thanks

1. Before Jesus fed the 5000 He gave thanks. Mat 15:36
2. Unbelievers are not thankful for the work of Christ but substitute instead foolish thoughts replete with vanity and darkness. Rom 1:21
3. At a time when tongues speaking was a wonderful means of communicating salvation doctrine to Jewish unbelievers, Paul teaches the Corinthians certain caveats using thanksgiving as his teaching aid. 1Co 14:16-18
4. Early in His ministry, Jesus set the example of thankfulness and praise. Mat 11:25
5. Later in His ministry, when He brought Lazarus back from the dead, Jesus again set the example. Joh 11:41-43
6. At the end of His ministry we find Jesus also giving thanks to God. Mat 26:27-30
7. Many of those healed by Jesus gave thanks and praised God the Father. For example from

- a paralyzed man

Luk 5:19-26

- a formerly demon possessed man

Mar 5:18-20

- a woman who suffered from osteoporosis

Luk 13:11-13

- one of the ten lepers

Luk 17:15 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

Luk 17:16 He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him-- and he was a Samaritan.

- blind Bartimaeus

Luk 18:42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you."

Luk 18:43 Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

8. A lame man healed by Peter jumped for joy and ran through the temple courts praising God.

Acts 3:7 Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong.

Acts 3:8 He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

9. Scripture demands prayers of thanksgiving before eating.

Acts 27:35 After he said this, he took some bread and gave thanks to God in front of them all. Then he broke it and began to eat.

Acts 27:36 They were all encouraged and ate some food themselves.

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

1Ti 4:5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.

10. Paul uses the giving of thanks in an analogy teaching liberty versus license.

Rom 14:6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he

giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

11. Paul is thankful for those who assisted him even to the point of risking their life.

Rom 16:4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

12. Paul speaks of his thanks for the grace of God in saving him and how it is his same grace teachings now causing him trouble.

1Co 10:30 For if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks?

13. Paul is thankful for the prayer support of many in the church at Corinth.

2Co 1:11 Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

14. Paul expresses his personal thanks to God for the success of his ministry.

2Co 2:14 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.

15. Paul gave thanks to God for placing in Titus a desire to teach at Corinth.

2Co 8:16 But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you.

16. Paul is grateful for his gift and the gift of the many believers who have assisted him in gathering an offering for the saints at Jerusalem.

2Co 9:15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

17. Paul is grateful for the believers at Ephesus.

Eph 1:16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

18. Paul exhorts us to be thankful for all things.

Eph 5:20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

1Th 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning

you.

19. Paul expresses thanksgiving for those in the Lychnus Valley.

Col 1:3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

Col 1:12 Giving thanks unto the Father, who has qualified you to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light:

20. Paul expresses similar thanks for those in Thessalonica.

1Th 1:2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers;

1Th 3:9 For what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God;

2Th 2:13 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:

21. Paul asks Timothy to exhort prayers of thanks for all men but especially those placed in positions of authority.

1Ti 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;

22. The anonymous writer of the book of Hebrews urges believers to be continually thankful to God.

Heb 13:15 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.

23. In heaven raptured saints are seen praising God before His throne and giving thanks for the wrath of God which descends on earth in the middle of the Tribulation.

Rev 11:17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and was, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

24. Scripture is full of exhortations to praise and thank God for a plethora of actions and attributes; but often we are exhorted to thank Him for His simple presence.

2Sa 22:50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name.

1Ch 16:8 Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people.

1Ch 16:34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.
1Ch 16:35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, that we may give thanks to thy holy name, and glory in thy praise.

Ezr 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.

Psa 92:1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High:

Psa 105:1 O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

25. In closing let me give you what I consider "the ultimate praise of thanksgiving.Ó

Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
Jude 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

26. Now for another exhortation. This time the ethical imperative is for the wife. It will be followed by an ethical imperative for the husband.

KJV-New Sentence

Col 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.

NIV

Col 3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

WIVES, SUBMIT YOURSELVES Ο γυνη υποτασσω

1. **Ho Gune Hupotasso** is better translated "Wives you must submit yourselves ..."
2. **Gune** is a monadic noun declined as a nominative plural followed by the verb **Hupotasso** parsed as 2nd person plural, present middle imperative.
3. **Gune** is used of "a woman, married or unmarried" or "a wife," e.g., Mat 1:20 and 1Co 7:3-4. In the RV of 1Ti 3:11 we find **Gune** translated women; a reference to the wives of deacons as clearly seen in verses 11 and 12 compared with verse 10.

End Lesson Taught 5-19-10