

Wednesday Night BIBLE STUDY

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COLOSSIANS: ROOTED IN CHRIST – PART 15

“A Life of Thankful Worship”

Colossians 3:16-17

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BIBLICAL BACKGROUND FOR COLOSSIANS

The following is some of the general background information for the book of Colossians. Let's quickly review what we have previously said about the book of Colossians just to give us a bit of context...

Some General Background Information on Colossians:

- (1) **The author of Colossians = The Apostle Paul** - The Apostle Paul identifies himself as the author (1:1; 4:18)
- (2) **An important character in Colossians = Epaphras** - Epaphras likely planted the church by bringing the gospel he heard under Paul in Ephesus (Acts 19:10) back to his home city of Colossae (1:7; 4:12)

- (3) **Date, place and type of writing = A.D. 60-62, A prison epistle/letter written from Rome** - Paul writes this letter from a Roman prison around 60-62 AD (4:16)
- (4) **Important information about Colossae = Small but diverse city** - Colossae was a small but diverse city in Rome's Asia province, modern day Turkey
- (5) **2 key words to understand Colossae = Pluralism and syncretism** - They were immersed in an environment of pluralism and syncretism where most people simply borrowed from the religious and philosophical ideas of the day
- (6) **Identified false teaching/doctrine in Colossians = "The Colossian Heresy"** - Throughout the book Paul hints at a "Colossian heresy." However, he focuses on Christ-centered, correct teaching rather than the contents of the false teaching
- (7) **What we know about this false teaching/doctrine = It is "not according to Christ"** - Whatever this false teaching is, it is "not according to Christ" (2:8) and it undermines the sole supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus
- (8) **John Calvin's summary of Colossians = "This Epistle...to express it in one word, distinguishes the true Christ from a fictitious one."**
- (9) **Layout of the book = Half doctrinal, half practical** - Like other Pauline letters, the first half builds a rich theology that the second half exhorts us to then live out
- (10) **Relation to other N.T. books = Ephesians and Colossians are companion books** - These two books/letters were written around the same time, and they overlap greatly and can help explain one another

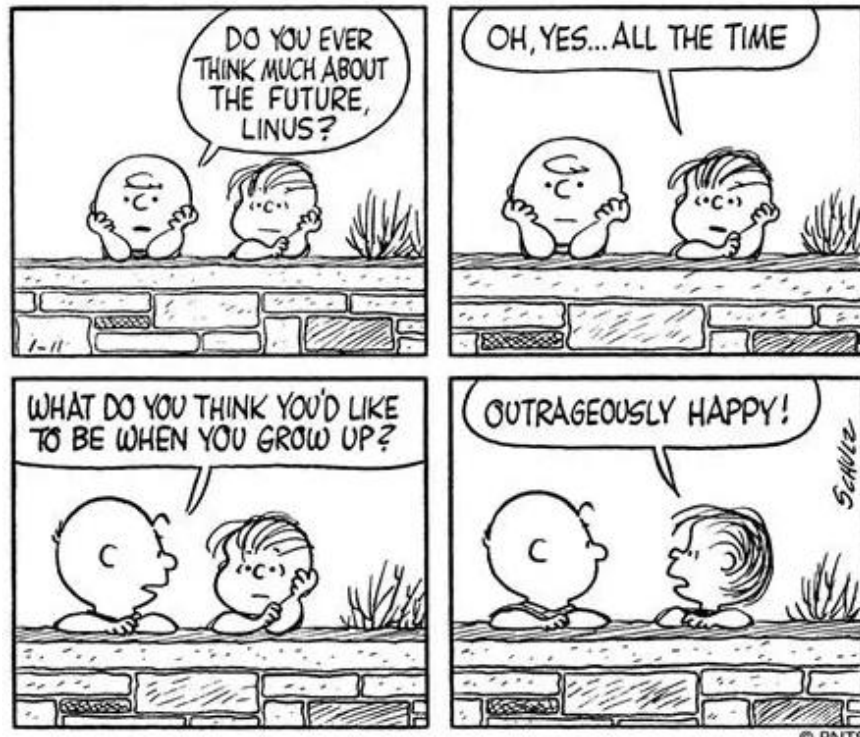
Our theme verse for this study is **Colossians 2:6-7**. This passage not only serves as a premise for this particular study, it also identifies a primary purpose for Paul's letter...

"⁶ As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, ⁷ rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving." -Colossians 2:6-7 (NKJV)

Application Questions

1. What has helped you most in getting into the Word? What has been most difficult about it?
2. Is the excuse, "I'm just not an emotional person," a valid reason for not being intense about worship?
3. Are we really supposed to thank God for trials (See James 1:2-4)? How can we do it honestly if we don't feel it?

4. Is it sin to feel down at times? Must I always be joyously thankful? Is this even possible?



That profound thinker, Charlie Brown, asks his friend, Linus, “Do you ever think much about the future?” Linus replies, “Oh, yes, all the time.” “What do you think you’d like to be when you grow up?” Charlie asks. Linus thinks a moment and replies, “Outrageously happy!” (*You’re a Winner, Charlie Brown*, Charles Schulz [Fawcett Crest Books])

There are basically two ways to try to gain happiness...

2 Basic Ways to Try to Gain Happiness:

- (1) **By trying to arrange your circumstances so that you will be content** = You try to get a fulfilling job, a satisfying marriage and family life, and enough money to be comfortable. *What is wrong with this particular way of trying to find happiness?* The problem is, none of these things are secure. You can lose your job, there isn’t a trouble-free marriage or family on earth, and the good things in life can be changed instantly by uncontrollable factors, such as war, fire, natural disasters, disease, or death.
- (2) **By seeking happiness in and through the Lord** - If you’re happy in God you’ve got lasting happiness. You may go through tremendous trials and be deprived even of life itself. But through it all you’ve got abiding joy in the Lord. The apostles knew that kind of happiness in God. When they were warned not to preach any more in the name of Jesus and then were flogged, they went on their way, **“rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for His name”** (Acts 5:41). Paul and Silas had the same joy. When they were unjustly beaten without a trial and thrown into jail, at midnight they were praying and singing hymns of praise to God (Acts 16:25). Paul would later

write to the church in Philippi, where that incident happened, *“Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice!”* (Phil. 4:4).

George Muller, who by faith and prayer supported thousands of orphans, experienced the same solid joy in the Lord. Roger Steer subtitled his biography of him, *“Delighted in God”* (*George Muller: Delighted in God* [Shaw]). Muller practiced and taught that *“The first business of every day is to seek to be truly at rest and happy in God.”*

Are you happy in God? I’m sure that we all can use some pointers in how to grow in that area! In Colossians 3:16-17, Paul describes a life that is happy in God. It’s a life of thankful worship.

KEY THOUGHT: *The Lord’s people should be marked by thankful worship engaging the whole person in all of life*

Verse 16 describes the church gathering, where we are to teach and admonish one another through the Word and singing, thankfully praising God. Verse 17 extends it to all of life: Everything we do should be done thankfully in the name of the Lord Jesus. Thankful worship should be the aroma that surrounds every Christian, so that, as was said of Mary’s anointing of Jesus, “the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume” (John 12:3).

What do we mean by worship?

2 Good Definitions of Worship:

(1) William Temple definition of worship = *“To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, and to devote the will to the purpose of God.”* - William Temple’s well-known definition (widely cited on the Internet) is probably the most eloquent and perhaps wide-ranging understanding of worship... it’s a very comprehensive definition of worship.

5 Parts to William Temple’s Definition of Worship:

1. **Quickening** (*open up, hasten*) the conscience (*ethics, principles, scruples, convictions*) by the holiness of God – In other words, worship is a recognizing of the pure holiness of God so that our very way of looking at things (the world, life, behavior, etc.) is changed
2. **Feeding the mind with the truth of God** – Interestingly, worship even has to do what we allow our mind to dwell and think on. Filling our mind with the things of God and His truth is also a part of our worship, particularly as we focus our attention (gaze) upon Him.
3. **Purging the imagination by the beauty of God** – Have you ever thought how do I “purge” my mind of the things of this world that so often preoccupy our minds? A part of our worship is to focus our minds and thoughts on the beauty of God. By

“beauty” we mean meditation and thoughts set on the attributes of God like His faithfulness, steadfastness, His mercy and grace, His omnipotence (power), His omniscience (He is all knowing, He knows everything), His omnipresence (He is everywhere), His omnibenevolence (His perfect goodness), His omnificence (He is all creative, God’s unlimited creative power), His holiness, etc.

4. **Opening the heart to the love of God** – Worship is an opening and making ourselves vulnerable, humble, even broken before God to let Him love us despite us, to our very core, even when we don’t feel loveable, in our insecurity and weakness, in our sin. Being overwhelmed by the love of God to love us!
5. **Devoting the will to the purpose of God** – Remember that worship is never culminated by when we walk out of church or out of a “worship service” per se. First of all worship is more than a “worship service.” Second worship isn’t just esoteric (obscure) and ethereal (spiritual, airy) and emotional jesting (raising hands, crying, swaying) exercise... it’s more than those expressions. And our worship is always culminated in action. Our worship is what we do in response to finding the presence God, knowing Him, loving and devoting ourselves to Him, etc.

(2) **John MacArthur definition of worship = “Worship is our innermost being responding with praise for all that God is, through our attitudes, actions, thoughts, and words, based on the truth of God as He has revealed Himself. Worship is all that we are, reacting rightly to all that He is.”** - John MacArthur, in his excellent study of worship, *The Ultimate Priority* ([Moody Press], p. 127), defines worship with these words

Whenever people in the Bible encountered God or His ways, worship was their spontaneous response. They immediately sensed His majesty and at the same time realized their own frailty and sinfulness. Worship was the result. **So the key to worship is not to focus on worship, but to focus on God.** When my mind, emotions, and will are properly related to God, I will be thankfully worshipping Him for His majesty, glory, and abundant goodness. Our text in Colossians 3:16-17 reveals four things about thankful worship...

4 Things About Thankful Worship According to Colossians 3:16-17:

- (1) **Thankful worship engages the mind with the word of Christ**
- (2) **Thankful worship engages the mind and emotions in joyful singing to Christ**
- (3) **Thankful worship engages the will in submission to Christ**
- (4) **Thankful worship extends to all of life**

Let’s look at each of these to not only glean Paul’s teaching to these believers in the Colossian church, but to us, and to expand and deepen our understanding of what worship really is.

THANKFUL WORSHIP ENGAGES THE MIND WITH THE WORD OF CHRIST

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“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you”

5 Words/Phrases

- (1) **“the word of Christ” = The whole Bible** - “The word of Christ” refers to Christ’s teaching and the teaching about Him, which means, the whole Bible. All of Scripture points toward Him (Luke 24:27, 44; John 5:39, 46). The phrase, *“the word of Christ,”* occurs only here in the Bible. Paul uses it because he is emphasizing the supremacy of Jesus Christ to a church plagued with false teachers who denied Christ His rightful place. The Scriptures are the word of Christ in that they speak to us about Christ and they direct us to Christ as Savior and Lord.
- (2) **“richly dwell within you” = The Bible should live in you** – As **Charles Spurgeon** said it, **“Visit many good books, but live in the Bible”** (I have a t-shirt with this Spurgeon quote on it) Paul says that we should let the word of Christ *richly dwell* within us. *Richly* implies the fullness and completeness of God’s Word for all of life. When you come to the Bible, you come to an inexhaustible treasure. It’s like the universe—the further astronomers peer into space, the more they are overwhelmed with the fact that they cannot get to the end of it. There are billions of galaxies each containing billions of stars. The more you dig into the Bible, the more you discover how little of it you understand and how much of it there is to understand.
- (3) **“richly” = We need an abundant supply of God’s Word in our life** - To let the word of Christ *richly* dwell in us also implies that we need an abundant supply of God’s Word. Gorge yourself on the Word! In modern slang, “Pig out on the Word!” While eating too much rich food will damage your health, the more spiritually rich food you eat, the healthier you become. If our physical weight were determined by how much of God’s Word we fed on each week, would we be a skinny church or a fat church?
- (4) **“dwell” = We are to make Scripture our dwelling place and keep coming back to it each day** - *Dwell* implies living in the Scriptures so that the Scriptures live in you. I may visit your home and you give me a tour through all the rooms. But I don’t live there. To live there means that it’s the place I keep coming back to each day. I’m comfortable there. I’m familiar with my home. It’s where I go for refuge and rest. All that’s implied in the concept of dwelling in a home should be true of my dwelling in the word of Christ and the Word dwelling in me.
- (5) **“in you” = The Bible should be a priority not only in you but also in His church** - “In you” means that Paul isn’t talking here only about each of us having personal Bible

study. He's talking about the word of Christ dwelling richly in the church ("you" is plural). We are to teach and admonish one another. To do this, our individual intake of the Word should spill over so that whether on Sundays or during the week, the word of Christ permeates the life of the church.

Now, scholars debate how to punctuate verse 16 (the original text did not have punctuation).

- You can punctuate it so that the sense is that we use the word of Christ to teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, making the rest of the sentence, "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (NIV, ESV).
- Or, you can punctuate it in the sense may be that as the word of Christ richly dwells in us, we teach and admonish one another through our singing (NASB).
- Grammatically it's difficult to decide, but practically, there is truth in each view.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

We teach and admonish one another both through the Word and through doctrinally sound songs. That's one reason I think we should sing some of the great hymns of the faith. They teach solid biblical truth. "Teach" refers to communicating doctrine or biblical precepts; "admonish" means to give correction or warning. "Wisdom" refers to skill in applying God's truth in specific situations. So whether it's from the pulpit, in a home fellowship, a small group Bible study, or in a private conversation, whether through speaking or through singing, the word of Christ must be at home in us so that we are wisely applying it, both personally and with others.

This means that biblical truth is essential for worship. The goal of theology should be doxology, or worship. Jesus told the woman at the well that God is seeking those who worship Him **"in spirit and in truth"** (John 4:24). You cannot worship God in truth unless you know who He is as revealed in His Word. If you worship a god who is loving, but he overlooks sin, you're not worshipping the true God, but rather an idol you made up, because the God of the Bible is loving *and holy*. True worship rests on knowing God truly as revealed in His Word. Without God's revealed truth, all the emotion in the world is misdirected and futile. Thankful worship begins by engaging our minds with the word of Christ.

THANKFUL WORSHIP ENGAGES THE MIND AND EMOTIONS IN JOYFUL SINGING TO CHRIST

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“... in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”

- Obviously I view preaching the Word as important or I wouldn't spend as many hours each week preparing the sermon as I do!
- But singing is *not* the filler that allows late-comers to arrive before we get down to the main reason for coming—the sermon.
- I hope that my sermons lead you to worship as you realize more deeply who God is and all the blessings He has freely given to us.
- But singing also ought to focus our minds and hearts on God and His gracious salvation, so that we respond with love, devotion, gratitude, and reverence.

5 Important Reminders About Music/Singing in Worship:

- (1) While the word of Christ enables us to worship God in truth, singing allows us to worship Him in spirit.
- (2) While to worship rightly we must know God as revealed in His Word of truth, if that truth doesn't move/stir our hearts, something is wrong.
- (3) Singing is one way to express our love for God and gratitude for what He's done for us in Christ.
- (4) It's no accident that the longest book in the Bible is a song book and God called its main author a man after His heart.
- (5) Throughout history, whenever the hearts of God's people have been right before Him, there has been joyful singing and the writing of new songs of praise.

2 Things Paul Tells Us About this Joyful Singing:

- (1) Singing is to be done with thankfulness – Singing is to be done “with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” “With thankfulness” is literally, “in the grace” (or “in His grace”; the Greek definite article may mean “His”). So it may mean that the songs we sing should make us mindful of God's grace to us in Christ. Of course, when we think of God's abundant grace, it causes us to be thankful
- (2) Singing is to be done in your hearts - Also, singing is to be done “in your hearts.” God always looks on our hearts, not on our outward performance. Clearly, our hearts are not right before God if we half-heartedly mumble through a song while we think about other things. When we sing, we should put aside distractions, think about the words, and offer up our songs exuberantly in praise to our God.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

While I'm not a charismatic and I think that our charismatic brethren sometimes err on the side of being too heavy on emotions and too light on doctrine, I will say that when I've worshiped with them, I've always appreciated the fact that they are not apathetic about worship. I grew up in a traditional Bible church where everyone read their bulletins and

looked out the window while we mumbled through a couple of hymns before the sermon. The song leader often would try to pump up everyone to sing louder. Visitors never would have gotten the impression that we were serious about praising God. But the first time I went to a charismatic church, I was impressed with the fact that these brothers and sisters weren't messing around with worship! They were really into it! Everyone was engaged. Some had their eyes closed and their hands lifted up in praise to God. I got the feeling that we were meeting with God and offering praises to Him. The worship leaders weren't performing. They were bringing us into the presence of the Lord.

Second Samuel 6 tells the story of King David bringing the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem. He was dancing before the Lord with all his might. But his wife Michal looked out the window, saw David's exuberant worship, and was embarrassed. She thought that his enthusiasm was undignified for a king and she rebuked him when he came into the house. But David defended his actions, which he described as *celebrating before the Lord* (2 Sam. 6:14, 21). Significantly, the Lord sided with David, not with Michal, and caused her to be barren for the rest of her life. God wants our worship to be *with thankfulness from the heart*.

But also, as with David, our worship should be *to God*. We aren't to be worship-centered; we're to be God-centered. He's our audience in worship. We sing to Him. Even if the focus of a song is to teach and admonish one another, the best way to do it is to remember that we're not just singing to one another—God is present! When we sing, we sing to Him. Do you do that? Do you sing thankfully from your heart to God? If your heart is cold, confess it and turn your focus to the Lord through the words of the songs.

What kinds of songs should we sing? The terms Paul uses are difficult to distinguish. "Psalms" probably refers to the psalms of the Hebrew Scriptures set to accompaniment. "Hymns" are hymns of praise to God. "Spiritual songs" is a generic term referring to any type of song, but qualified by the word "spiritual." The different terms imply that we are free to sing a wide variety of songs according to the mood and subject.

As you know, many churches are divided by "worship wars." Many offer contemporary services for those who prefer the newer songs and styles, and "traditional" services for those who prefer the old hymns sung to piano or organ accompaniment. I believe that we need some of both and that we should not divide the congregation along those lines.

There are many great newer songs, such as "In Christ Alone," and "How Deep the Father's Love for Us." Also some of the older hymns are being set to modern tunes or arrangements. In my opinion, we shouldn't repeat the same words over and over to build up emotions. If we're thinking about the words, a few repetitions should be enough to drive home the truth. I don't need to repeat that our God is an awesome God ten times to get the point!

But we also need some of the older great hymns of the faith which not only teach us about the greatness of God and of our salvation; they also connect us to our Christian heritage. Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" reminds us both of solid truth and of the Reformation that recovered that truth. During the revival of the 18th century, the Wesley's taught theology to illiterate blue collar laborers through their hymns. Think on the truth in hymns like, "And Can it Be?" I love these words...

AND CAN IT BE by Charles Wesley (Hymn #147)

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!
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'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies! Who can explore His strange design?
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine!
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray, I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth and followed Thee.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou, my God, should die for me!

(you can listen to many of the tunes online). Sing in your private times of worship and then join in with all your heart when you gather with the Lord's people. Thankful worship engages the mind with the word of Christ and the emotions in joyful song to Christ.

THANKFUL WORSHIP ENGAGES THE WILL IN SUBMISSION TO CHRIST

"¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the

Lord. ¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” -Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)

The idea of submission to the lordship of Christ permeates these verses, but it is explicit in two places...

2 Places Where Submission to the Lordship of Christ is Pictured (in Colossians 3:17):

- (1) **“Do all in the name of the Lord Jesus” = Jesus’ supreme authority** - *“The name of the Lord Jesus”* refers primarily to His supreme authority. His name “is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Phil. 2:9-11). To do something in the name of the Lord Jesus is to do it under His sovereign authority. Implicit in a life of thankful worship is that we do everything in submission to His rightful lordship. Sometimes Christians ask, “Can I do such-and-such an activity?” Verse 17 is your answer. It’s a succinct summary of Christian living. It applies across the board to every thought, word, and deed. Ask yourself, “Can I do this in submission to Jesus Christ?” If you’re not sure or if it would dishonor Him, then don’t do it. If you’re sure that you can do it in submission to the Lord in line with His Word, then do it joyfully and thankfully!
- (2) **“Giving thanks to God the Father through Him” = God/Jesus’ sovereign control** - The second place where the idea of submission to Christ is explicit is in the words, *“giving thanks through Him to God the Father.”* To thank God, especially when difficult things happen, means that I must submit to His sovereign dealings with me. I’m acknowledging that all my circumstances are under His control and in harmony with His love. Like Job, I can worship Him even though I may not understand what He’s doing if I submit my heart to say, “Thank you, Lord! I trust Your sovereign, loving dealings with me.”

The opposite of thankfulness is grumbling. Israel in the wilderness grumbled repeatedly and because of it, God kept a whole generation out of the promised land. Grumbling impugns the character of God. It implies either, “God isn’t good,” or, “He isn’t sovereign over my problem.” I confess, I’m prone to grumbling. But one thing that has helped me fight it is to read a Psalm each morning, to meditate on it, and make it my prayer. For example, **Psalm 5:11-12** exhorts, *“¹¹ But let all those rejoice who put their trust in You; let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You. ¹² For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.”*

You just can’t read those verses very many times without shouting, “Thank You, Lord!” Finally,

THANKFUL WORSHIP EXTENDS TO ALL OF LIFE

“¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. ¹⁷And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” -Colossians 3:16-17 (NKJV)

“Whatever you do in word or deed” This extends thankful worship beyond Sunday to every day of the week. There’s no sacred-secular division for Christians. All of life is to be a sacred experience of living gratefully under the lordship of Jesus Christ. That’s not to say that we do not need to gather on the Lord’s Day for worship and teaching. We do. But it is to say that in every aspect of life we can reflect the joy of salvation as we speak and act in the name of Christ.

This means having the word of Christ percolating through your mind and having songs and hymns of praise bubbling to the surface as you go about your day. It means living thankfully under the lordship of Christ while you’re at work or playing with your kids or unstopping a clogged toilet or fixing dinner.

CONCLUSION

Dr. John Hannah, Church History professors at Dallas Theological Seminary, tells a story of great challenge and faith. He and his wife were moving to Dallas to begin his first year of seminary. They had stuffed all their earthly belongings into an old Volkswagen. As they drove along a deserted highway, something malfunctioned and the car caught on fire. They pulled to the side of the road, jumped out, watched helplessly as everything they owned, except for the clothes on their backs, went up in smoke.

What would you do at a time like that? It would be easy to get angry with God. “Lord, I’m going to seminary to prepare for serving You! It’s not like we were heading for Las Vegas to sin or something! And it wasn’t as if we were living in luxury. We only had these few things and no extra cash to replace them. Why did You allow this to happen?” That would be a normal reaction.

What John and his wife, Carolyn, did was to kneel down on that highway next to that gutted car—and sing the doxology! They were happy in God. You can be happy in God if you’ll learn to thankfully worship Him with your whole being in all of life.

How to worship with a thankful heart?

Worshiping with a thankful heart involves expressing gratitude through prayer, song, and reflection on God’s blessings. This practice not only enhances personal faith but also fosters a deeper connection with the divine and community.

5 Ways to Worship with a Thankful Heart:

Cultivating a thankful heart in worship can transform your spiritual experience.

- (1) **Prayer** — Regularly include expressions of gratitude in your prayers, acknowledging God's provisions and blessings.
- (2) **Singing** — Engage in worship songs that focus on thankfulness, which can uplift your spirit and reinforce gratitude.
- (3) **Scripture reflection** — Meditate on Bible verses that emphasize thankfulness, helping to align your heart with God's goodness.
- (4) **Community worship** — Participate faithfully in church/corporate worship settings where collective gratitude is expressed, enhancing the sense of community.
- (5) **Acts of service** — Show thankfulness through serving others, reflecting God's love and generosity in practical ways.