

I Thess. 5:18

Some Things I Want To Thank Him For

Paul, in his closing remarks of I Thessalonians, is exhorting these believers to continue in grace, and to develop the spiritual graces received by regeneration. One of those graces mentioned here in verse 18 is a thankful heart. Being thankful is an evidence of being filled with the Spirit. (**Read Eph. 5:18-20**) Also, a thankful heart leads to worship. (**Read Rev. 4:9-10**) There is a warning issued for those who have failed to be thankful. We need to look at this seriously and take caution. (**Read Rom. 1:21-23**)

I'm Thankful For:

I. The Saviour's Love: Illus. – Anna – Lk. 2:36-38 (v. 38)

A. Unceasing Love

B. Unchangeable Love

C. Unmatchable Love

II. The Spirit's Leadership: Rom. 8:14 *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”*

A. Through Deep Waters: Is. 43:2 *“When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.”*

B. Through Dreary Days: (Cloudy Pillar)

C. Dark Nights: (Pillar of Fire)

III. The Scriptures' Liberation: Jn. 8:31,32 *“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*

A. From Sin: Jn. 8:34 *“Jesus answered them, verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”*

B. From Satan: Eph. 2:12 *“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye*

walked according to the counsel of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air.”

Illus: Judas and his Betrayal of Jesus

C. From Self

D. From Society

IV. The Storms Of Life: Illus: Paul’s Journey To Rome – Acts 27,28

A. Had Been Thru a Storm:

1. Lost Hope: 27:20 *“And when neither sun nor stars in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on us all hope that we should be saved was taken away.”*

2. Lifted Anchor: v. 40 *“And when they had taken up the anchor, they committed themselves unto the sea,”*

3. Landed Safely: v. 44 *“And the rest, some on boards, and some on broken pieces of the ship. And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.”*

B. Had Been Shipwrecked:

1. They Lost It All (But they still had God.)

C. Had Been Snake Bit: 28:3 *“And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat and fastened on his hands.” v. 5 “And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.”*

NOTE: Paul’s remarks after arriving safely at Rome: **Acts 28:15** *“And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and The three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage.”*

V. My Spouse And Little Ones: Pro. 31:10 *“Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. V. 28 “Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.”*

A. Her Price

B. Her Properties

1. She’s Trustworthy: v. 11 *“The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,”*

2. She Makes Her Husband’s Life Better: v. 12 *“She will do him good and not evil, all the days of her life.”*

3. She's Not Lazy: v. 15 *"She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household."*

(Many More)

C. Her Praise: v. 28 – above