

**The Christ Expressed Life: Giving Thanks to God
Colossians 1:3,12; 3:15,16,17; 4:2**

God's People Are to Express an "Uncommon" Thankfulness - I Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20

...by which we are drawn up into the stream of His purposes - Is 14:27; Job 42:2

...avoiding the draining, destructive and deadly power of ungratefulness - Numbers 10-20; Ro 1:20-32

Giving God Thanks Opens Our Eyes to See Him for Who He Is - Jo 4:24

- Sovereign - Ro 11:36; Ps 119:91; Is 44:6-8; 45:3-7

...The Source, Guide, and Goal of all things - Ro 11:36

- Loving - I Jo 4:8

...His holy passion for oneness compels all He does - Jo 3:16; Ro 5:8; Is 45:3

- Redeeming - Ro 8:28

...He can buy up anything and convert it into what is useful for His purpose - II Cor 4:12; Jer 18:3

Giving God Thanks Immerses Us into His Greater Reality - Col 4:2; Col 3:1-2; II Cor 4:15-18

- It activates a "see through" capacity - II Cor 5:7; Ps 81:16; Jo 18:11

...awakening us to ultimate reality - Eph 5:14; Jo 7:24

- It lays an axe to the root of self-determination - Gen 2:15-17

...we crown Him "Lord" of every moment with thanksgiving and praise - Eph 5:20

...moving us from a "me"-ological to a "Thee"-ological mindset - Jo 14:6; Matt 26:39

Giving God Thanks Opens a Portal into Fresh Revelation and Growth - Ps 100:4; Col 3:10-11

- We begin to lose our "conditions" for trusting God - Col 3:15,16,17

...unlike the Israelites' "conditions" - Numbers 13,14

- We grow up into an unlimited and unconditional interest in God- Lk 1:38

...for God's sake and the sake of others - Col 3:17