

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Psalms 100:1-5.**
- B. Rom. 1:21 says that the people of that day became so wicked that they no longer gave thanks unto God. What a sad commentary!
- C. In Psa. 110:5, I see three very important reasons to give thanks, and be continually thankful.
- D. With the following thoughts in mind I wish everyone a wonderful week and a very relaxing holiday.

I. THE LORD IS GOOD--GIVE THANKS (Psa. 100:5a).

- A. We serve and worship a good (and benevolent) God.
- B. We are to enter His gates (presence) with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise. Is that the way you start every day? Is that how you start your worship (Psa. 100:4)?
- C. Paul gave thanks to God. That's how he started his letter to the Colossians. It made no difference as to the problems there or the sin that was present--first things first (Col. 1:3).
- D. We are being led in triumph everyday! May we start thinking and living like it (2Cor. 2:14)!
- E. We have been chosen from the beginning to have salvation in JC. We have not been predestined, but the plan was conceived for us, even before we were conceived (2Th. 2:13)!
- F. In Col. 2:7 notice how w/all the different attributes of spiritual maturity mentioned, gratitude should be overflowing. Xians are to be rooted, built up, established, and instructed--all with great thankfulness.

II. THE LORD IS MERCIFUL--GIVE THANKS (Psa. 100:5b).

- A. God's loving-kindness (mercy) is everlasting. God is a good God; and God is a merciful God.
- B. Mercy is pity in action. Many have pity on those less fortunate, but those who move in to help the situation show mercy. God moved in on our pitiful condition by sending X.
- C. Notice the reassurance in Psa. 100:3.
- D. In Col. 1:12, the apostle is thankful for the spiritual blessings to Xians. The spiritual blessings are always the most important.
- E. As we sing of our God and His blessings, may we do so with a thankful heart (Heb. 13:15).
- F. Since we have such mercy, and spiritual blessings, our service to God must be with thankfulness in our hearts (Col. 3:15, 17).

III. THE LORD IS FAITHFUL--GIVE THANKS (Psa. 100:5c).

- A. God is a good God; God is a merciful God; and God is a faithful God. When reading through the Bible, one will quickly see that God always keeps His promises (2Tim. 2:11-13).
- B. Singing is to be done not only from the heart, but from a cheerful and thankful heart! Songs that we sing should be ones that express gratitude to God (Eph. 5:19-20).
- C. Prayer is to be done with thanksgiving. (I don't know about you, but I have skipped over that little phrase too long!) The attitude of thankfulness will help decrease the anxiousness we are not supposed to have (Phil. 4:6).
- D. The prayers of the numbered saints innumerable is done w/thanksgiving (Rev. 7:12).
- E. Our response to the One who is so faithful is joy and singing (Psa. 100:1-2)!
- F. Christians are to be faithful and devoted with our prayers and thanksgivings (Col. 4:2).

IV. PRAISE AND THANKS BE TO GOD.

- A. The following is taken from the Philo Rd. church of Christ bulletin (10-9-94), by Jack McEntire:

I am blessed with a home in which to live.
I am blessed with food to sustain my life and health.
I am blessed with clothing to wear to keep me modest and warm.
I am blessed with a family that loves me.
I am blessed with the fellowship of the saints.
I am blessed with the opportunity and responsibility to encourage and serve others.
I am blessed with a Savior who gave His lifeblood so that I am cleansed of my sin.
I am blessed with the Spirit of god who helps me in my weaknesses.
I am blessed with riches beyond description. For which blessing should I complain?

- B. Take a moment and list 3 things for which you are thankful this day.
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
- C. We should be humbled by God's goodness, mercy, and faithfulness. Our cup overflows; may thankfulness forever be on our lips.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. I hope that you will cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving, not just this week, but every day.
B. Being thankful is a way of life!
C. Show your thankfulness to God, by responding to His Son!
D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.