

Lesson Notes:

Having a Thankful Heart Part 1

When we think about our lives what a blessing it is to have a God that loves and cares for us. Following is a discussion of why we can be so thankful.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **A God that is Sovereign and Knows Our Needs** – In **2 Corinthians 9:8** Paul tells us that God will meet our needs. In **Luke 11:9-13** Jesus tells us that our Father in Heaven loves us as a son or a daughter and is sufficient for our needs.
- 2) **A God that loves us unconditionally** – In **John 3:16** Jesus tells us that God loves us so much that he gave up his son so that we may have the opportunity for eternal life. In **Ephesians 3:19** Paul tells us that the love of Jesus surpasses all knowledge. This means that we cannot comprehend the love that our Lord and Savior has for us.
- 3) **A God that has restored his relationship with us through Jesus Christ** – In **John 3:17** Jesus tells us that he came into the world so that the world may be saved. In **Hebrews 9:12-14** we are told that Christ blood is sufficient as eternal redemption of our sins. In **Hebrews 10:4, 10** we see that the sacrifice of bulls and goats are not sufficient to pay for our sins but Christ's sacrifice is the atonement for all of our sins.
- 4) **That he forgives our sins-** In **Ephesians 2:8-9** Paul tells us that it is through God's grace that we are saved. In **John 6:37** Jesus promises that he will turn no one away that comes to him. In **John 1:12** the disciple John tells us that those that believe on his name will become sons and daughters of God.
- 5) **That he is always with us** – In **Matthew 28:19-20** he tells us that he will always be with us.
- 6) **That he has given us the Holy Spirit** – In **John 14:16-17** Jesus tells us that he will ask God the father to give us the Holy Spirit to dwell within our hearts.
- 7) **That he hears our prayers** – In **Luke 1:5-16** God heard the prayers of his faithful servants Zacharias and Elizabeth. In **Matthew 7:11** Jesus tells us that God hears our prayers and knows what to give us.
- 8) **That he has a plan for our Life** – In **Romans 8:28** Paul tells us that all things work together for those that love God. In **Galatians 1:15-16** Paul tells us that he was called to do God's work.