

## Sunday, October 8, 2023

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

### Title: Give Thanks to the LORD

Series: Thanksgiving 2023

Text: Text: Psalm 136:1 - 26

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to give thanks to the LORD for the eternal gifts that he has given to Believers.

### **Introduction:**

Last week we concluded our meditations on the book of Jude, the devotional was entitled ‘Doxology.’

1) Now to Him Who is Able 2) Now, to the God, Our Savior

~ Here we are at Thanksgiving 2023. In the natural time just keeps marching on toward the return of our Lord and Savior Christ Jesus, our blessed hope; what a day that will be!

~ Psalm 136:1 – 4, “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. (2) Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. (3) Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; (4) to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;”

~ There is an abundance of temporal things for which we should express THANKS for: a godly spouse, family, health, provisions...

~ Today let us consider four eternal GIFTS from Almighty God.

### **1. Thank You for the GIFT of Christ Jesus:**

~ John 3:16, “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

~ Romans 8:32, “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

~ Romans 5:10, “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.”

~ Isaiah 9:6 – 7, “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.”

~ Romans 1:3 – 4, “concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh (4) and was declared to the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,”

### **2. Thank You for the GIFT of Faith:**

~ Romans 12:3, “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.”

~ 2 Thessalonians 3:2, “and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.”

~ Hebrews 11:6, “And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

~ Hebrews 11:1, “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”

~ Romans 10:17, “So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”

~ Jude 1:20, “But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit.”

### **3. Thank You for the GIFT of the Holy Spirit:**

~ 1 Peter 1:23, “since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living abiding word of God;”

2 Timothy 3:16 – 17, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.”

~ John 20:22, “And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.””

~ Acts 2:38 – 39, “And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (39) For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

~ Luke 11:9 - 13

### **4. Thank You for the GIFT of Your Love:**

~ Ephesians 5:25 – 32

~ Revelation 19:1 – 10

~ Revelation 21:1 – 5

### **Conclusion:**

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*