

Eternal Life-Resurrection Life Thanksgiving
Part Two

Introduction: The Christian has the privilege of communicating to the Triune God their appreciation for being well-grace by Him. The Christian being filled by the Holy Spirit has the potential of being a co-worker with God, expressing thanks to Him, Eph.5:18-20; 1 Th. 5:18; 1 Cor. 3:9; cp. “Abba Father” Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15. We have considered last week 5 kinds of life related to Christians:

1. Biological Physical Life – 1 Tim. 5:6
2. God’s Eternal Life – 1 John 5:11-13
3. Imputed Resurrection Life – Col. 3:1-4
4. Actual Resurrection Life – 1 Cor. 15:51-55
5. Godly Manifested Life – 1 Tim. 3:16, 4:7-8, 6:6

The Christian possesses freedom to speak in the third heaven to God the Father, Heb. 4:14-16, 10:19-22. Thanksgiving (euvcariste,w, euvca,ristoj, euvcaristi,a) is one part of that communication, ***BUT***, talk can be cheap! Exemplified by:

- Insincere “Thanks”
- Inappropriate “Thanks”
- Incorrect “Thanks”

I would like to explore today some Scripture dealing with the Christian being well-graced and communicating appreciation to the Heavenly Father by sincere, appropriate, and correct thanksgiving.

- I. **Grace** (ca,rij): Rom. 4:4, 6:14-15 – not works and a companion to faith
 - A. *Insincere* thanksgiving for God’s grace to the Christian is observed in the practice of not sanctifying Christ – Lord, 1 Peter 3:16.
 - B. *Inappropriate* thanksgiving for God’s grace to the Christian is observed in the practice of sacraments or other proposed ways to earn grace,
 - C. *Incorrect* thanksgiving for God’s grace to the Christian is observed in the practice of the Law,
- II. **Grace Gift** (ca,risma): Eph. 4:7-14, a result of grace, a gift from grace
 - A. *Insincere* thanksgiving for God’s spiritual grace gift is observed in not ministering it, (defeated by the World, the Flesh, or the Devil), 1 Pet. 4:10.

- B. *Inappropriate* thanksgiving for God’s spiritual grace gift is observed in wanting the personal possession of all the gifts, a one man band, 1 Cor. 12-14, 27-31.
 - C. *Incorrect* thanksgiving for God’s spiritual grace gift is observed in domination of others in ministering their gift, 1 Cor. 14; 3 John 9-11.
- III. **Gracious Forgiveness** (cari,zomai), to graciously forgive by graciously giving, by acting graciously.
- A. *Insincere* thanksgiving for God’s gracious forgiveness is observed when the Christian will not graciously forgive other Christians measured in a similar way to how Christ forgave them, Col. 3:13. How? Cp. Eph. 5:25; Heb. 12:5; 1 Cor. 11:32; 1 John 1:7-10; 2:1-2.
 - B. *Inappropriate* thanksgiving for God’s gracious forgiveness is observed when the Christian will not graciously forgive themselves, measured in a similar way to how God the Father graciously forgave them, Eph. 4:32. How? Cp. Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14.
 - C. *Incorrect* thanksgiving for God’s gracious forgiveness is observed when the Christian will not utilize God’s gracious provisions in trials, Rom. 8:28-32.

Conclusion: “Thanksgiving”....Christians can now be co-workers with deity, utilizing God the Father’s nature, God the Son’s eternal life, and the Holy Spirit’s filling. The Christian can “live it, and then lip it with sincere, appropriate, and correct thanksgiving!!!