

New Testament Prayer
Prayer changes the believer

- I.** A most frequent communication to God. Giving thanks:
1. Is to God the Father through, in the name of the Jesus Christ (Rom. 1:8; Eph. 5:20).
 2. Is not filthy speech, not fool's talk, not clowning around/coarse speech, nor improper (Eph. 5:4).
 3. Thankfulness is the historical failure of humans (Rom. 1:21).
 4. Proceeds other forms of communication to God (Phil. 4:6).
 5. Is accompanies peace (Phil. 4:6-7).
 6. Is an indicator of spiritual roots and growth (Col. 2:7).
 7. One must 'come to be thankful' (Col. 3:15).
 8. When done is a group, should edify the saints (1 Cor. 14:17).
 9. For all things (Eph. 5:20).
 10. In every circumstance (1 Thes. 5:18).
 11. It makes sense to be thankful to God (1 Thes 3:9).
 12. Oversees worship (Col. 4:2).
 13. It sets food apart (1 Tim. 4:3-4).
 14. It will be part of God's plan in the ages to come (Rev. 7:12).
 15. Paul the exception (Acts 26:16; 1 Tim. 1:12 *cf.* 2 Cor. 12:8).
- II.** Thanksgiving is an expressed gratitude to God for past, present, and future benefits. Thanksgiving focuses the believer on the Throne above.