



So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him,<sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:6, 7 (NIV)**

### THANKFULNESS IS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF...

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### 5 REASONS TO BE THANKFUL TO JESUS:

#### 1. FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ HE'S SHOWN ME.

You have been saved by grace through faith. You did not save yourselves; it was a gift from God. **Ephesians 2:8 (NCV)**

*I will... not forget the glorious things God does for me. He forgives all my sins. He heals me. He ransoms me from hell. He surrounds me with love ... He fills my life with good things ... He is merciful and tender toward those who don't deserve it; He is slow to get angry ... He never bears a grudge ... He has not punished us as we deserve for our sins.* **Psalms 103:2-11 (LB)**

#### 2. FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ HE HAS FOR ME.

*I have good plans for you,' says the Lord, 'I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future.'*"

**Jeremiah 29:11 (ICB)**

#### 3. FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ HE'S MAKING IN ME.

*For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey Him and the power to do what pleases him.* **Philippians 2:13 (NLT)**

#### 4. FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ AND OUR CHURCH PLANTS.

*Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.* **Philippians 1:3 (NLT)**

*Brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing.* **2 Thessalonians 1:3 (NLT)**

#### 5. FOR THE \_\_\_\_\_ HE'S PREPARED FOR ME.

*We know that our body...will be destroyed. But when that happens, God will have a house for us. It will not be a house made by human hands; instead, it will be a home in heaven that will last forever.* **2 Corinthians 5:1 (NCV)**

### 5 WAYS TO OVERFLOW WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD:

#### 1. BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIM.

*Sing out your thanks to Him; sing praises to our God...* **Psalms 147:7 (LB)**

*Let the word of the Anointed One richly inhabit your lives. With all wisdom teach, counsel, and instruct one another. Sing the psalms, compose hymns and songs inspired by the Spirit, and keep on singing—sing to God from hearts full and spilling over with thankfulness.* **Colossians 3:16 (Voice)**

#### 2. BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIM.

*Don't worry over anything whatever; tell God every detail of your needs in earnest and thankful prayer, and the peace of God which transcends human understanding, will keep constant guard over your hearts and minds as they rest in Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4:6 (Phillips)**

#### 3. BY \_\_\_\_\_ HIM.

*Since we have a Kingdom that nothing can destroy, let us please God by serving Him with thankful hearts.* **Hebrews 12:28 (LB)**

#### 4. BY \_\_\_\_\_ MY FAITH.

*Thank the Lord! Praise His name! Tell the world about His wondrous love and how mighty He is!* **Isaiah 12:4 (LB)**

#### 5. BY \_\_\_\_\_ TO HIM.

*Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? I encourage you to surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship.* **Romans 12:1 (TP)**

*Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way.* **Colossians 3:17 (Voice)**