

## A Foundation for Thankfulness

Colossians 1:12-14, 29

Message Title: “A Foundation for Thankfulness”

- I. The Direction of Our Thankfulness (vs 12a)
- II. The Reasons for Our Thankfulness (vs 12b-14)
  - a. We Thank God for Our Inheritance

Ephesians 2:1-3 “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; <sup>2</sup> Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: <sup>3</sup> Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

Ephesians 2:12 “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:”

Ephesians 4:17-19 “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, <sup>18</sup> Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: <sup>19</sup> Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”

Ephesians 2:4-6 “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, <sup>5</sup> Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) <sup>6</sup> And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:”

### 1. We Thank God for Our Present Inheritance

Psalm 119:130 “The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.”

Psalm 119:105 “Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”

Ephesians 5:8-14 “For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: <sup>9</sup> (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) <sup>10</sup> Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. <sup>11</sup> And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. <sup>12</sup> For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. <sup>13</sup> But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light. <sup>14</sup> Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.”

Acts 26:18 “To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.”

### 2. We Thank God for Our Future Inheritance

Ephesians 1:13-14 “In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, <sup>14</sup> Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

b. We Thank God for **Delivering** Us

2 Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

c. We Thank God for **Translating** Us

Romans 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

d. We Thank God for **Redeeming** Us

Ephesians 1:7 “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”

e. We Thank God for **Forgiving** Us

Psalm 103:12 “As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.”

Micah 7:19 “He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.”

III. The **Application** of Our Thankfulness (vs 29)