

Title: A Heart of Thankfulness
Text: Colossians 3:12-17

1. The Root of Thankfulness (verses 15-16)

2 Corinthians 4:13-15 “**13** Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, **14** knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. **15** For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”

2. The Response of Thankfulness (verse 17)

Matthew 15: 1-2; 7-9 “**1** Then Pharisees and scribes came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, **2** “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat.” “**7** You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: **8** ““This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me; **9** in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.””

1 Peter 4:10-13 “**10** As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: **11** whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. **12** Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. **13** But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.”

Psalms 50:23 “The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me; to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!”

3. The Result of Thankfulness (verses 12-14)

Proverbs 4:23 “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it”

Matthew 23:11-12 “**11** The greatest among you shall be your servant. **12** Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

Mark 14:36 “And he said, “Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will.”

1 John 4:19-21 “**19** We love because he first loved us. **20** If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. **21** And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.”

