

“A Thankful Heart”
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NIV Bible.

Scripture Reading:

“Let the peace that Christ gives rule in your hearts. As parts of one body, you were appointed to live in peace. And be thankful. Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct each other wisely. Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing with thanks in your hearts to God. Do everything you say or do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Always give thanks to God the Father through Christ” Colossians 3:15-17 (NIRV).

1. A thankful heart is a heart where Christ's peace is in control. (vs. 15)

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“Rule” – **G1018** - brabeuō - **Thayer Definition:**

1. to be an umpire
2. to decide, determine
3. to direct, control, rule

Let Christ's peace decide how you will respond to events and people in your life.

This “peace of Christ” shows itself in three different areas.

1. Internal peace
2. External peace
3. Eternal peace

2. A thankful heart is a heart where Christ's word is overflowing. (vs. 16)

- Let Christ's word live in you like a rich treasure.
- Teach and correct each other wisely.
- Sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
- Sing with thanks in your hearts to God.

3. A thankful heart is a heart where Christ's name is lifted up. (vs. 17)

- Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
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Psalm 100:1-5 “**A psalm. For giving thanks.** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Thanksgiving = tôdâh - An *extension* of the hand in *adoration*; specifically a *choir* of worshippers: - confession, a sacrifice of praise, and thanksgiving offering.

Question: “Do you have a thankful heart?”