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THANKS

(Luke 17:11-19)

INTRODUCTION

"ten" had a horrible disease and cried for mercy; "one" returned to give thanks; "nine" were nearer to Jesus in their affliction than in their health.

(2 Tim. 3:1-5) puts "unthankful" in an ugly list.

A PARTIAL LIST OF THINGS FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL

1. (Psalm 92:1-2) "It is a good thing to give thanks ... to show forth Thy loving kindness ... and Thy faithfulness ... "

"loving kindness" - he provided for us what we needed and could not provide ourselves. "faithfulness" - for what God is to us; think of His other attributes, too.

2. (Psalm 30:4) "... give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness"

Hymn #376 He Paid A Debt
The communion involves us giving thanks in remembrance of His sacrifice.

3. (Psalm 119:62) "at midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteousness"

"at midnight" - yes, when times dark and we cannot see our way out. Paul's thorn (2 Cor. 12:8) and Jesus' cup (Luke 22:43)

4. (1 Cor. 15:57) "but thanks be to God, which gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

We have victory over the grave because of Jesus' resurrection. Notice the reasoning: (v12-20)

5. (1 Thess. 5:18) "in everything give thanks: for this is the will God in Christ Jesus concerning you"

No matter what the situation, there's a reason for thanksgiving: (Rms. 8:28) (Eph. 5:20) "Giving thanks always ..."

6. (2 Cor. 9:15) "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift"

We call it "Amazing Grace" (Rms. 8:31-35) with all of this in mind, Paul says, "Thanks."

CLOSE - your acceptable thanks to God begins by you becoming a Christian.