

Worship, Thanksgiving, Love, and Devotion

Heb. 12.28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire. 13.1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. 3 Remember the prisoners as if chained with them—those who are mistreated—since you yourselves are in the body also ... 15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. 16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

* **As Christians**, we are to be a people given to what?

* **What is** the word “serve” indicating in vs 28?

* **Our first** service to God is giving him what? (vs 15)

* **Going all** the way back to Adam and Eve in the Garden, the first thing owed to God was what?

* **What has** God given us in Christ?

Rom. 8.15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ ...

* **Therefore we** have reason to give God thanks in what?

1Thes 5.18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. ... [And just prior to that, he says,] 16 Rejoice always ...

* **What is** the relationship between joy and thanksgiving?

* **How does** thanksgiving relate to what we do each week in the worship service?

Psalm 100.4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

* **What happens** in the elements of the worship service?

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, & Hymn of Praise:

Confession & Assurance of Pardon:

Exhortation & Sermon:

Prayers for the Kingdom & Local Body:

Lord's Supper:

Benediction:

* **Everything we** do for the rest of the week is to be what?

* **Presenting your** whole self to God as an act of thanksgiving is your what?

Rom 12.1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

* **That attitude** of presenting your whole self to God in thanksgiving is to shape what?

Rom 12.2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

* **Whatever we** worship does what?

Psalm 115.8 Those who make [idols] will become like them, everyone who trusts in them.

2Cor 3.18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

* As we worship God, presenting our whole selves to him in thanksgiving, we are going to become what?

Psalm 103.4 Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness ... 15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. 17 But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to children's children,

* What is the first key area where this will show up? (vs 1, 16)

* **How is** lovingkindness displayed by the three main characters of this book?

* **“Brotherly love”** is referring to what?

John 13.34 “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

* **At the** heart of this love is the fact that it what?

Phil 2.3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

* **What is** Paul talking about in vs 2-3?

* **How did** God work through their lovingkindness to bring about revival and reformation in Israel?

* **To save** us, Jesus first did what in his baptism?

Mat 3.13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. 14 And John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?” 15 But Jesus answered and said to him, “Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed Him.

* **What book** of the Bible was written about this kind of love and what it looks like with ordinary believers?

* **Anytime the** ground around us is shaking, and times are really bad, and the church is really low, and we desperately need God to do a new work of revival and deliverance, where does it start?

* **What does** “kindly” mean in ch 1 vs 8 of this book?

* **The early** Christians were also called what?