

BEING  
THAT  
*Is Not Enough*

# Being Thankful *Is Not Enough*

- I. For what are you most thankful?
  - A. Things that pass or last? Mt. 6:19-21
  - B. Things that make you happy or make you better? Mt. 16:24-26
  - C. Things that draw attention to you or who you serve? Mt. 5:13-16
  - D. Things that easily hold your attention or challenge you to move your attention to God? Mt. 6:33 (Col. 3:2)

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II. To whom are you most thankful?

A. An imaginary person, “god”? Is. 40:19-20,  
42:17

B. Nature? Rom. 1:25

C. Someone who does not deserve it?  
Mt. 10:34-38

D. God? Ps. 136:1-4, 23-26

- **Gods are Irrelevant & Thanking Gods is Insulting**
- Sports players should thank parents, coaches, and teammates who helped them develop their skills and thus made their victories possible. Accident survivors should thank the engineers who designed vehicles to help people survive accidents. Parents of sick children should thank medical personnel who spend hours using skills developed over a lifetime. Thanking irrelevant gods is an insult to the people responsible for what happens to us. It says that all the time, effort, blood, sweat, and tears we expend in improving ourselves and in improving the lives of those around us are ultimately wasted because the outcome will be determined by God, regardless of what we do. Whether for good or for ill, though, our fates lie in our hands.

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“Thanking irrelevant gods is an insult to the people responsible for what happens to us. It says that all the time, effort, blood, sweat, and tears we expend...”

To whom do we owe thanks for the existence of time, blood, sweat, and tears?

“...A deceived heart has turned him aside; And he cannot deliver his soul, Nor say, "Is there not a lie in my right hand?" ”(Is. 44:20; cf Rom. 1:21-22, 25)

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## III. When are you thankful?

A. Israel gave thanks Deut. 26:1-11 (Lev. 23)

v1-2 return a portion

v3-8 remember their past conditions

v9-11 tell of their current condition

B. God chose The Lord's Day for us to express

thanks 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 9:7; Acts 2:42;

1 Cor. 14:15

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## III. When are you thankful?

- A. Israel gave thanks
- B. God chose The Lord's Day for us
- C. Individuals may express thanks any day  
Rom. 14:5-6a
- D. No church can create a "holy day" for all  
Christians Col. 2:16

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- IV. What does this thankfulness motivate you to do?
- A. What motivates us to be a Christian? 2 Cor. 9:15
  - B. Everything for Him Col. 3:17
    - 1. As an individual 1 Cor. 10:31-33
    - 2. As a part of a family 1 Cor. 10:31-33
  - C. Tell Him, privately Js. 5:13
  - D. Tell Him, publically Heb. 13:15



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V. You have sinned

A. Wages are death Rom. 6:23

B. Blood is essential to remove sin Heb. 10:22

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# **“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”**

**Hear The Gospel (Rom. 10:17)**

**Believe In Christ (Jn. 8:24)**

**Repent Of Sins (Acts 2:38)**

**Confess Christ (Rom. 10:10)**

**Be Baptized (1 Pet. 3:21)**

**For The Erring Child:**

**Repent (Acts 8:22), Confess (1 Jn. 1:9),**

**Pray (Acts 8:22)**