

Gratitude: *Our Worldview*

(*Psalm 118 & Various Texts*)

Gratitude: Thankfulness

- It is about how we live
 - Not just what we say
- Look at an example of gratitude: ***Psalm 118***

Praise from His People (v. 1-21)

- All of God's people give Him thanks because:
 - We have tasted of His great love (v. 1-4)
 - He is for us (v. 5-7) (Romans 8:31-32)
 - He protects us (v. 8-14)
 - He saves us (v. 15-21)
 - From death (v. 17a)
 - From ourselves (v. 18a)
 - Even God's correction is a reason to give thanks

Thanks Rooted in the Rock (v. 22-29)

- The rejected Stone brings about salvation (v. 22-25) (See Matt. 21:42; Mark 12:10; Luke 20:17; Acts 4:11; 1 Peter 2:7)
- He is from the house of the LORD (v. 26) (See Luke 13:35)
- He is the light from God (v. 27a) (See John 8:12, 9:5)
- He is our sacrifice (v. 27b) (Heb.10:12)
- This Rock is God (v. 28) (Deut. 32:4)
- He is Jesus
 - And He deserves our thanks (v. 29)

Worldview

- Gratitude is about perspective
 - How we see the world around us
- Seeing God's hand at work in every circumstance (Romans 8:28)

So What?

- When understand that God is for us
 - Seeing everything through the perspective of the Cross
- Then, we can give thanks in every situation

Meditation Verse: *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*