

• • TRANSCRIPT

• October 8th, 2026 "*A Transformed Attitude Through Thankfulness*"

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(0:38) Okay, it's good to see everyone here tonight. (0:43) If you have your Bibles, (0:45) if you could please open to the book of Colossians. (0:51) We've been in the book of Colossians quite a bit. (0:57) Colossians chapter three, Colossians chapter three. (1:08) I wanna thank those who are watching by internet (1:12) and live stream and what a blessing (1:15) to have our ministry go so far (1:18) for a small little country church like this. (1:21) Amen.

(1:23) So again, Colossians chapter three, (1:26) we're gonna start in verse 12. (1:30) So if you have your Bibles and if you found your place, (1:35) you could please stand if you're able to. (1:39) Colossians chapter three, verse 12.

(1:42) The Bible says, (1:43) put on therefore as the elect of God, (1:47) holy and beloved, (1:50) bowels of mercy, (1:51) kindness, (1:53) humbleness of mind, (1:55) meekness, (1:56) long suffering, (1:57) forbearing one another and forgiving one another. (2:01) If any man have a quarrel against any, (2:05) even as Christ forgave you, (2:07) so also do ye. (2:10) And above all these things, (2:13) put on charity, (2:14) which is the bond of perfect perfection, (2:19) perfectness I mean.

(2:21) And let the peace of God rule in your hearts (2:25) to the which also ye are called in one body (2:29) and be ye thankful. (2:33) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, (2:39) teaching and admonishing one another (2:41) in Psalms, in hymns and spiritual songs, (2:45) singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (2:50) And whatsoever you do in word or deed, (2:53) do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, (2:57) giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

(3:01) Let's pray. (3:01) Father, we thank you. (3:04) We thank you for your word.

(3:06) We thank you that we can come into this meeting house (3:10) and worship you with Psalms and the hymns. (3:15) And what a blessing Lord, (3:17) as we come in here, (3:19) that we can worship you with true hearts. (3:23) And I ask you now, Lord, as we get into your word, (3:26) Father, that you would meet with us today, (3:29) that your presence would be felt (3:32) and that you would take your word and do what you will (3:37) and touch the hearts of everyone here (3:40) and those watching by internet (3:42) and speak to each and every one of us where we need it.

(3:46) And this I pray in Jesus name, amen. (3:50) Well, you could be seated at this time. (3:54) In here as we come into Colossians chapter three (3:59) and from verse 12 to 17, (4:03) in this letter, (4:05) Paul is describing the new life in Christ to the Colossians.

(4:12) And believing in Jesus brings a completely renewed (4:16) and transformed mind. (4:20) Amen.

(4:22) And when I think of that, (4:24) I think of second Corinthians chapter five, verse 17.

(4:30) If you turn to second Corinthians chapter five, verse 17, (4:34) speaking of this, (4:37) this new life in Christ, (4:40) we find in second Corinthians chapter five, verse 17, (4:46) the Bible says, (4:48) therefore, if any man be in Christ, (4:51) he is a new creature. (4:54) Old things are passed away. (4:56) Behold, all things are become new.

(4:59) And isn't that what happened in your life? (5:02) When religion turned into a relationship, (5:06) when you just didn't read the Bible, (5:09) when you believe the Bible and it changed your life. (5:15) And here the apostle Paul, (5:18) he also wrote in Colossians chapter three, (5:21) verse nine and 10. (5:24) Look what he writes back in the text, (5:28) Colossians chapter three and verse nine says, (5:42) seeing, I'm not sure what, (5:55) I'm not sure I'm hearing, (5:59) I have here in my notes, (6:01) Colossians chapter three, verse nine, (6:04) seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds (6:08) and have put on the new man, (6:11) which is renewed in the knowledge after the image of him (6:14) that created him.

(6:20) And for some reason, (6:24) oh, yes, it is there. (6:26) I took out the word lie not one to another. (6:34) So we have here the renewed mind (6:36) expressed itself through new desires, (6:41) new decisions and a new direction.

(6:45) And isn't that what happened in you? (6:47) You got saved, the spirit of God came in you, (6:51) changed you, made you a new creature (6:54) and your desires changed, (6:56) your decisions began to change (6:58) and you was going in a different direction. (7:02) Praise God, that's salvation. (7:06) And it's a God would position that reshapes (7:10) how a believer sees everything.

(7:14) You know, it's funny because when I got saved, (7:16) I almost felt like even the colors were different. (7:20) I don't know, but that was with me, amen. (7:23) I was so totally changed and I just couldn't believe it.

(7:29) Maybe that would be your testimony too. (7:33) Things were so changed that even the life (7:38) looked more vibrant, amen. (7:42) But here as we look in Colossians chapter three, (7:46) verse 12 through 17, the apostle Paul, (7:51) again, describing this new life in Christ, (7:54) I believe it's a life, a transformed attitude that happens.

(8:00) And this transformed attitude happens (8:03) because of thankfulness. (8:06) When you recognize that the Lord Jesus died for you, (8:12) forgave you, showed you mercy (8:16) and came into your life and changed you, (8:18) gave you the peace that's beyond all understanding (8:23) that your heart begin to flutter with thankfulness towards (8:26) and what a blessing. (8:29) And as I think of this, I think of the number one, (8:32) thankfulness shapes our Christ-like character.

(8:36) Look again in the text here in Colossians chapter three, (8:41) look what it says from verse 12 to 14. (8:47) It says here, put on therefore as the elect of God, (8:52) holy and beloved bowels of mercy, kindness, (8:56) humbleness of mind, meekness, long suffering (9:00) for bearing one another and forgiving one another. (9:04) If any man have a quarrel against any, (9:08) even as Christ forgave you also do ye.

(9:12) And above all these things, put on charity, (9:18) which is the bond of perfectness. (9:20) We notice that this word charity is a love, put on love. (9:26) Amen.

(9:27) You know, a Christian shouldn't have hate towards people. (9:32) We should be loving people, even our enemies, we should love. (9:38) And that's what sets us apart from the world.

(9:42) And because we are chosen, holy and beloved, (9:46) gratitude becomes the foundation (9:49) in which Christ's virtue grows in us. (9:52) It's all because of gratitude. (9:55) It's all because of thankfulness of what he's done.

(10:00) I like what it says in first Peter, (10:02) first Peter chapter two, verse nine. (10:06) It says, but ye are a chosen generation, (10:08) a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people (10:14) that ye should show forth the praises of him (10:17) who had called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (10:24) Think of that.

(10:27) A thankful heart puts on compassion and kindness, (10:32) humility, meekness, and patience.

(10:36) And above all, love, because it remembers (10:40) how richly God has treated you and I by giving us salvation. (10:48) Turn with me to Galatians.

(10:52) Look what it says in Galatians chapter five. (10:55) And I believe some of you know where I'm going. (10:58) Galatians chapter five, we see the fruit of the spirit (11:06) in Galatians chapter five.

(11:08) And what I wanna say here is a spirit filled thankful heart (11:12) displays Christ-like character.

(11:15) And we find that character here (11:16) in Galatians chapter five, verse 22. (11:20) The fruit of the spirit.

(11:23) It says, but the fruit of the spirit is love, (11:26) joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, (11:32) faith, meekness, temperance. (11:35) Against such there is no law. (11:39) What a blessing.

(11:41) Do you have those fruits in your life? (11:46) Are you joyful? (11:50) Are you glad? (11:52)

Are you loving? (11:57) Because thankfulness shapes our Christ-like character. (12:02) Secondly, thankfulness governs our inner life (12:06) with Christ's peace. (12:08) Turn back to Colossians chapter three, verse 15.

(12:16) Look what it says here. (12:19) Colossians chapter three, verse 15. (12:25) The Bible says, and let the peace of God rule in your hearts (12:32) to the which also ye are called in one body (12:36) and be ye thankful.

(12:39) Look at it again. (12:41) Thankfulness governs our inner life with Christ's peace. (12:47) See it? (12:47) Can you see it there? (12:50) Paul describes how the renewed mind, (12:54) because of salvation, operates.

(12:57) The believer is commanded to let something happen. (13:02) And what is that something?

(13:03) To yield, to submit, to allow the spirit of God rule. (13:14) Christ's peace is already present.

(13:17) The issue is whether it is allowed to rule or not. (13:20) Amen? (13:25) And I have in my notes here, if I can get to it, (13:32) the word rule means acting as an umpire. (13:38) The peace of Christ guides believers in making decisions (13:42) which line up with God.

(13:43) And how many times you're gonna make a decision (13:46) and you have no peace about it.

(13:50) Can I see your hand? (13:52) Do you ever felt that? (13:54) You're ready to make a decision.

(13:55) You're ready to do something (13:57) and you don't have peace about it.

(14:01) And then you stop and you re-examine everything (14:05) and all of a sudden you make a

different decision. (14:09) Or you're ready to do something (14:11) and you want to do something

(14:14) and you're praying about it and you're thinking about it. (14:17) And then all of a sudden the peace of God (14:20) begins to touch you.

(14:22) And you recognize the fact that this is God's will (14:26) for your life to move in this direction.

(14:29) Amen? (14:31) This is God's peace. (14:34) Also this peace has at least two aspects to it.

(14:38) Number one, there can be an inner peace (14:42) such as which God gives to believers (14:45) about their relationship with him. (14:52) And then there's a peace (14:54) between brothers and sisters in Christ. (14:59) Paul focuses on the peace (15:01) that rules relationships in the church.

(15:04) Look again what he says. (15:06) Go back to verse 15 again. (15:10) It says, let the peace of God rule in your hearts (15:15) to the which also ye are called in one body (15:19) and be ye thankful.

(15:23) Paul commands us to consciously work at peace (15:27) in our church relationships. (15:29)

We see it right here. (15:32) Amen? (15:33) When you come together as the body of Christ, (15:37) we should what? (15:38) We should be working together, loving each other.

(15:43) And that's what the Bible says. (15:45) Turn with me to John, the gospel of John. (15:49) And look what Jesus says.

(15:51) John chapter 13. (16:04) John chapter 13, verse 34. (16:14) Here Jesus says, and if you have a red letter edition, (16:18) it's in red.

(16:20) And here Jesus says in John chapter 15, verse 34, (16:24) a new commandment I give unto you,

(16:28) that ye love one another as I have loved you, (16:32) that ye also love one another. (16:35) By

this shall all men know that ye are my disciples (16:41) if ye have love one to another. (16:44) See it?

(16:45) I always call this the 11th commandment.

(16:50) And this 11th commandment's to the church. (16:55) We are called to one body and our

relationship (16:59) in that body must be one of harmony and peace. (17:07) Does it always work?

(17:09) No.

(17:10) But we should strive for it, amen? (17:15) To maintain a peaceful heart, one has to be thankful.

(17:21) Isn't that true? (17:24) If you are walking in the spirit of gratitude (17:27) and thankfulness, do

you know, do you realize (17:30) that not too much, not too many things affect you? (17:34) Are you

kind of overlooked things? (17:37) Are you kind of show more grace? (17:40) If you have a walking

with a thankful heart, (17:43) isn't it true? (17:45) Thankfulness quiets conflict, it softens pride, (17:50)

and it helps us yield to Christ's peace (17:53) as the ruling authority in our relationships. (17:58) And

the thing that goes against thankfulness is what? (18:02) Pride.

Christ's peace is an attitude of thanksgiving which will decide how you and I will respond to the events of people in our lives. It's so true and yet it's so hard to do if we're not walking in the spirit. Amen.

Also, my third point is a thankfulness fills our worship with the word of Christ. Turn back to Colossians chapter three, again, Colossians chapter three, verse 16. And here we find it says, let the word of Christ dwell in you richly and all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

You know, the choice is up to the believer. The word of Christ does not naturally dwell within a believer's heart. The word of God can and will transform our lives if we only allow it to dwell in our hearts.

Amen. We're commanded, we're commanded by scripture to meditate on scripture, to follow scripture. But I love what it says in Romans chapter 12.

Turn to Romans chapter 12 and look what it says in verse one and two. I'll wait till you get there. In Romans chapter 12, verse one and two, the Bible says, I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

And here it is in verse two. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Well, how can you find the perfect will of God? The word of God.

Amen. The point is that we're, we're to let the word of God have a tremendous influence in our lives that Paul is describing. It'll transform your way of thinking.

And if your mind is transformed by the word of God, your actions will follow, your desires will follow. Amen. And then in first Peter chapter one, verse 22, the Bible also says, seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfamed love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart, fervently being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

You know, the more you study and understand what God has done for you through Christ, you can't help but have a heart of gratitude. You can't help but love your brother. You can't help, but show love and compassion when God has shown that love and compassion to you.

And my last point is thankfulness motivates our daily obedience to Christ. And that's in Colossians chapter three, verse 17. The Bible says whatsoever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

And this means that your whole life is to be related to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Every activity can become an act of worship, even routine things can be offered to Jesus as worship. With everything you do, you could say, Lord, I'm doing this for you because of how you've done, how you've blessed me.

You know, that happens even in the church, you're doing chores in the church, you do some things that most people wouldn't want to do. I know one of the things that most people don't want to do is clean bathrooms. And if you could stand there and say, I am going to clean this bathroom because it's the Lord's bathroom.

And if you have the right spirit, and if you do it with the right spirit, it makes a blessing. It changes

everything. And there are some things we will do only for money.

And we've seen that. How many ever see that fear factor? And put somebody for money in some kind of box, you know, put all kinds of bugs on them, crawling on them in that fear. You ever see that? Now, I don't think somebody would say, oh, I'm going to do that for the Lord.

I'm going to lay in this box and have all these snakes all crawling on me. No, people will only do something like that for money. For money.

Well, let me want to ask you something. What would you do for Christ when he's given you everything? We just sing that song when we look at people that have houses and homes. Don't you realize he's giving you eternal life? He's giving you a home in heaven on high.

You know, if money is the only motivator to do something for someone, then we've not learned the love of God. Because love motivates us to do things with a different attitude. And it's not what I can get out of it, but it's what I can do, what I can do for the Lord, who's blessed me.

That's the attitude. Amen. Those who are truly thankful usually are more giving and kind to others.

And I just want to end with this. Our lives are in God's hands. He guides and directs us through all things.

Therefore, we can thank him for all things, no matter what they are. Because we know he controls it all. Amen.

And if you truly believe that he controls it all, and you are in the center of his will, in the palm of his hand, and nothing can remove you from his hand. Man, no matter what we deal with, no matter who we have problems with, I'm here to tell you, if you have a thankful heart, it'll change your attitude. It'll change your relationships.

And it'll motivate you to obey him, no matter what. Walking by faith. You know, it takes time.

It really does take time to recognize the fact. You look at how you live your life. Are there things that you can say, you know what, I've been looking at this wrong.

I've been grumping about this and having the wrong attitude. And all you need to do is say, you know what, despite all that I'm dealing with right now, God has blessed me. We sang that song earlier.

Count your many blessings. Amen. If we could only be thankful, it'll change our attitude.

And with the Christian who's been forgiven, and who has the spirit of God dwelling in them, where the peace of God can reign in their hearts, then we need to love one another. We need to recognize that God is in control. And that every relationship we have, we should what? Be thankful and show kindness and love.

Because in the end, that's all that matters. God has showed us that. Let's pray.

Father, we thank you. We ask you, Lord, that you would help us help our attitudes, Lord, to be more thankful. Help us to look at you and recognize what you have done for us.

And Father, I pray, I pray that those who are walking around disgruntled, complaining, and even having having a hard time dealing with others, Father, I just pray, I pray that they would look at things differently. I pray that their attitude would be changed because of the salvation you've given them. May they think on these things.

And all that they say or do, may it come from us, from a heart of thankfulness, Lord, because you've showed us mercy and grace, and you've given us salvation. Help us, Lord. Help us to walk you with a thankful heart, a heart of gratitude that would change our attitudes, change the way we deal with people, and it would be pleasing and bring glory to you.

As your words say, love one another as you have loved us. Father, may we never forget that. In Jesus' name, amen.