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May We Be Thankful & Compassionate



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How To Become Thankful

Maybe your relationship with God has grown stagnate or your faith has weakened or even lapsed. Our Saviour repeatedly challenges His followers to love Him, not just simply serve Him. Thanksgiving, for all that we have in Christ, comes when devotion to Him precedes our duty in the ministry.

Has your life grown routine, instead of being the loving relationship you once had with the Lord? How can your heart be set on fire again? Rev. 2:5 says, "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works." Here are a few suggestions we can do to become a thankful people.

Remember God's Faithfulness To Us

- He Saved Us
- He Satisfies Us
- He Sustains Us

Remind Ourselves Who Jesus Christ Is

- He is our Redeemer; we should praise Him
Psalm 71:23
- He is our Righteousness; we received His grace
Titus 3:5-7
- He is our Sanctification; we experience His
cleansing - 1Cor. 6:11
- He is our Wisdom - We trust His precious Word
2 Timothy 3:15

Reminisce On Who We Are

- Make God the Master of our choices
- In Prayer, aligned our desires with God's desires
- Realize that in our Weakness, God is our Strength
- Recollect our Calling and His Promises

Reflect On What Awaits Us - HEAVEN

Rev 21:4 – "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away."



Steven Meyer

For the Love of People By Steven Meyer Pastor Trinity Baptist Church Bradenton, FL

Missionary, church member, Christian; there should be within our heart a love for all people. Jesus, as always, is our example and model to follow.

The Bible tells us just how much God loves this world. John 3:16 reminds us, "*God so loved the world*" and Romans 5:8, "*God commendeth His love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" When no one else cared for our soul – God did. When Jesus saw the great multitudes of people in Matthew 9:36, "*He was moved with compassion on them.*"

Our world is in great despair and trouble is brewing everywhere; people are suffering and hurting. How can we help and encourage people within our immediate circle of influence? I believe the answer is found throughout the Scriptures, but Jude 22 sums it up like this – "*And of some have compassion, making a difference.*"

Our human nature tells us to hate the sin and the sinner while God loves the sinner and hates the sin! Who is right? "*As for God, his way is perfect*" Psalm 18:30.

It is difficult for the missionary as he looks into the faces of people who are different. However, to make a difference in the lives of the people, God has called us to never forget this one word – compassion. The difference is made when people care. Do you care enough to look past the differences? Do you care enough to follow the example of Jesus? Compassion to make a difference?

Every Christian is commanded to have Compassion.
"*And of some have compassion, making a difference*"
Jude 22.

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For the Love of People
By Steven Meyer
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Compassion is a Ministry. Be a loving, caring person! People on your mission field, are hurting, discouraged, depressed and many, sadly, commit suicide. I wonder if one person showed them compassion, would it be enough to change their life and move them toward Jesus Christ? When we show people we genuinely care, extending compassion like Jesus, it makes a difference.

This requires action on our part; actually doing the work of compassion. *“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: Shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works”* James 2:18. Compassion works! It works in America, it works in Europe, it works in Asia, Africa, South America – Compassion works worldwide! And, it is something everyone can do!

Compassion Helps the Church. *“Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us. . . but whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth”* 1 John 3:17.

Compassion is seen, felt and heard. God graciously gave us a church family where people show compassion towards one another. Last night a visitor with cancer came to the church. She is completely bald. She sat by herself until one of our ladies got up and sat next to her the rest of the service. They became immediate friends. She left with a smile on her face having felt and heard compassion.

Compassion is usually just being there for someone, listening, caring – but it always requires that we do something. Open up your *“Bowels of Compassion!”* If we struggle with being compassionate, we should ask ourselves why. Jude 22 says, *“And some having compassion making a difference.”*

Compassion Helps and Makes a Difference. The cry of the world has always been a cry for compassion. The needs and hurts are still there, and the cry is still being heard. We can read about the deaf man and the leper in Mark 1, the maniac of Gadara in Mark 5, the possessed boy in Mark 9, the blind man in Mark 10, and the cry of a mother in Luke 7. Jesus in all cases extended His hands of grace and compassion, making a difference!

Compassion will make a difference in your life and in the lives of others; the people you are trying to reach with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

News From the Fields

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I am starting work in the northern Bago region which is 99% Buddhist. This area was devastated by recent flooding with over 100,000 people displaced. We would like to help. If we can, it will help gain credibility with the government and allow us to share the Gospel throughout the region. We can receive push back of varying severity from the government as soon as we share the Gospel, so your prayers are important.

Heavy upon my heart at this time is a 14 year old young lady by the name of Didi Moo who has moved out of our community. The family said she has a boyfriend but I am concerned the family sold her. We shared the Gospel with her many times and I thought we were making headway with both her and her family. Her little brother gave me a big hug yesterday while I was in the slum. Pray for us as we try and reach this community with the Gospel. Nationals tell me that this is the area with a lot of AIDS and crime.

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The Gospel is the reason for missions and for all that missionaries do on the fields of the world. In Germany, and at Rheinland Baptist Church, much of our efforts are spent in the cities, towns and villages of the local area. In fact, I just returned from covering two villages: Sambach and Eulenbis. These villages represent about 1,200 German and American souls. Sometimes we are able to have friendly conversations and share a personal word of witness. But always, we know God's Word will not return void! Our goal is to get a Gospel tract into every home in 80-100 cities, towns and villages in our area. We trust the Lord to reap the harvest, but are busy doing our part. Every two months we encourage our church family to be involved and cover a larger town in a single day. It's a good work, and a good way to encourage people, even kids, to be involved!

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We were able to return to the field for a short visit this past month with our Pastor, Randy Tucker and Bro. Quitter. The four churches we planted actually multiplied. They are practicing faith promise and supporting their pastors and missionaries. The pastors greatly desire to start a Bible Institute and medical clinic. These are in work as I write and will be on the top of our list as we return. Please pray for souls to be saved and new works started.