

Thought for the Week

"IF WE WILL ONLY THINK, WE WILL BEGIN TO THANK"

Spurgeon believed it was "a heavenly thing to be thankful." After all, it was gratitude which "ought to teach us the divine object of grace." Accordingly, he longed for his heart to burn with the "sacred flame of thankfulness."

For the world being happy was a prerequisite to being grateful, but Spurgeon knew that "God's people are always happy when they are grateful" to Him. In fact, Spurgeon was so certain he said, "We should be ten times more full of bliss if we were proportionately more full of thankfulness."

For Spurgeon, living with thankfulness was an all-encompassing commitment. Whether for richer or for poorer, even in sickness and in health. Indeed, he would often remind his congregation that "you have received all you have from God the Father through Christ." This truth made every enjoyment an avenue for God glorifying gratitude.

Thus, in all "our eating, our drinking," and "social meetings" Spurgeon claimed "we should give thanks unto God the Father." The same "Father of Lights" from whom all blessings did, and do, indeed flow.

But gracious gratitude was not to be limited by the circumstances of this life. To make his point Spurgeon reminded his congregation of the story of a poor "godly preacher," who one evening could only offer his children a dinner consisting of "a potato and a herring." Nonetheless, the preacher "thanked God that he had ransacked sea and land to find food for his children." Truly, the God who fed the sparrows and the ravens would not forget his people.

Spurgeon believed that Christ's death on the cross provided Christians cause for "daily adoration and hourly thankfulness." In Spurgeon's view, "since Jesus has loved us so well," it was impossible not to "give to him all that we are, and all that we have." As a result, Spurgeon challenged his church to "let your gratitude compel you to do everything for Jesus."

There is much in life for which to be thankful. Family, friends, food, and the changing color of the fall leaves are sweet gifts to be savoured and enjoyed. But, the best gift to be thankful for is Jesus Christ. So let us contemplate Christ and let Christ "flood the whole of [our] faculties" with thankfulness.

From all of us at The Spurgeon Library

God bless, Pastor Harrison



Order of Service

VIDEO
"Thank you God"

WELCOME
Kaden Thorne

SONG
"A Thousand Hallelujahs"

VIDEO
2024 Hotshotz Soccer Camp

Q & A
Coaches, parents and players

BIBLE READING
Luke 17:11-19 (Sue Wust)

PRAYER
Pastor Harrison

MESSAGE
Pastor Harrison

SONG
"Blessed be Your Name"

SONG
"God is For Us"



Inflatable fun & parents vs kids soccer from 10am on the oval.

Free sausage sizzle and drink

Trophy presentation in the church 12pm

WALKING SOCCER 5pm Mondays \$5

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PRIMARY AGED YOUTH GROUP

4pm –5:30pm Fridays (school term)

\$3 Afternoon tea provided

HIGH SCHOOLAGED YOUTH GROUP

4pm-5:30pm Fridays (school term)

Afternoon tea provided \$3



PLAYGROUP

"Play, learn and grow... together."

PLAYGROUP

9:30am—11:30am

Tuesdays and Fridays (school term) \$5

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"To know Christ and make Him known"

SOCCER Celebration Service



"Praise God!" He fell to the ground at Jesus' feet, thanking him for what he had done." (Luke 17:15-16)