That while we suffer outwardly, we are being renewed inwardly.

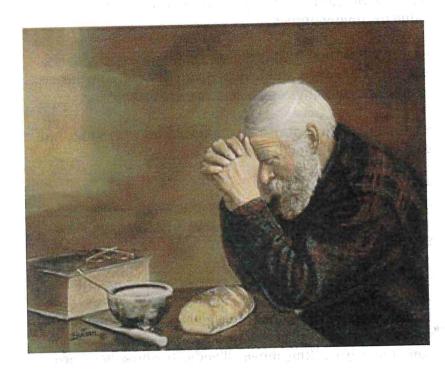
That our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal weight of glory.

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In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:18







"Give thanks in all circumstances."

# EDGEWOOD CHURCH OF JOY

# Thanksgiving

# The Bible encourages us to sing our praise and thanksgiving. Even if you can't sing well, you can make a joyful noise to the Lord. Here are some verses that show the value in singing praise:

Psalm 28:7 –The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him.

Psalm 69:30 I will praise the name of God with song, And shall magnify Him with thanksgiving.

#### Psalm 7:17

I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Psalm 95:1-6 – O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with songs of praise. For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods, In whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it; And His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

# Psalm 107:22

And let them offer sacrifices of thanksgiving, and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

Psalm 147:7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

### Jeremiah 30:19

Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who celebrate. I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be small.

# Praise and Thanksgiving are to be continually on our

**lips.** Out of our lives should spring a constant stream of thanksgiving and praise. Even in the most difficult circumstances, we still have plenty of reason to be thankful: Psalm 34:1 I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

### Psalm 50:23

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The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;

to one who orders his way rightly I will show the salvation of God!"

#### Psalm 9:1

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.

## Psalm 100:4

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! Psalm 116:17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

Jeremiah 33:11 Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!'

1 Chronicles 16:8 – Oh give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples.

1 Chronicles 16:34 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.

Colossians 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful.

# Colossians 4:2

Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving.

Ephesians 5:3-4 But immorality or any impurity or greed must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints; and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

# 2 Corinthians 4:15

For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

#### Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#### Revelation 7:12

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

#### Here are some Christian Quotes On Thanksgiving:

Opening quote from the Thanksgiving Proclamation signed by George Washington, President of the United States of America, October 3, 1789. "Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor- and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness." "A sensible thanksgiving for mercies received is a mighty prayer in the Spirit of God. It prevails with Him unspeakably." ~ John Bunyan

"We would worry less if we praised more. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction." ~ Harry Ironside

Thanksgiving is the language of heaven, and we had better start to learn it if we are not to be mere dumb aliens there.  $\sim$  A. J. Gossip, Professor of Christian Ethics and Practical Theology at the University of Glasgow

Foolish talking and jesting are not the ways in which Christian cheerfulness should express itself, but rather "giving of thanks" (Eph. 5:4). Religion is the source of joy and gladness, but its joy is expressed in a religious way, in thanksgiving and praise. ~ Charles Hodge, principal of Princeton Theological Seminary

"We are thankful for what we have been given"

Give thanks for the following, even in the worst moments.

# We give thanks ...

That God is sovereign.

That nothing happens by chance.

That God causes all things to work together for good for his children.

That hard times reveal our weakness, break our pride, and show us our total need for God.

That God has triumphed over sin and death through his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

That God uses the worst that happens to promote our spiritual growth.

That God is faithful even when we are faithless. That God's Word will be vindicated. That God's promises are true. That evil will not reign forever. That heaven is real.

That this world is not the "real" world.

That when we are weak, he is strong.

That his grace is sufficient for every situation.

That nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

That our salvation rests on God and not on us. That there is no pit so deep that the love of God is not deeper still.

That the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from every sin. That God delights to save sinners.

That the Lord can soften the hardest heart.

That there are no impossible cases with God.

That even when we feel alone, we are never alone.

That our Father will not test us beyond what we can bear. That the Holy Spirit abides with us always.

That the Lord Jesus feels our pain.

That the Holy Spirit prays for us when we are too weak to pray for ourselves.

That the Lord Jesus intercedes for us so that we are finally saved.

That God uses everything and wastes nothing.

That our doubts cannot cancel God's work in us. That someday we will be conformed to the image of Christ.

That God is faithful to finish his work in us.

That our hardships equip us to minister to others.

That we are invited to come boldly to the throne of grace.

That God's plan far exceeds our puny imagination.

That weeping endures for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

That we are still God's children even when our faith falters.