

THINGS WE MAY NOT APPRECIATE AS WE SHOULD

TEXT: Colossians 3:12-17 *“Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”*

INTRODUCTION:

1. Thankfulness is one of the most pleasing virtues of life.
2. It's absence is universally resented; it's presence is everywhere held in high esteem.
3. Let us see how we might be more thankful.

I. Concerning God.

- A. That He is fatherly (Matt. 7:9-11).
- B. That He is patient toward us (II Pet. 3:9).
- C. That He is fair (Gen. 18:25).
- D. That His justice is not without mercy (Eph. 2:4).
- E. That His mercy is not without justice (Ps. 89:14).
- F. That He wants us to be saved (Jn.3:17).

II. Concerning This Life.

- A. That we have friends (Prov.17:17).
- B. That we have family (Gen. 2:18-25; Ps. 127:3-5).
- C. That we have brethren (I Pet. 1:22).
- D. That we are not under great persecution (Jn. 15:18-19).
- E. That we can be about our Father's business (Col. 3:17, 23).
- F. That we live in a beautiful world (Ps. 19:1).
- G. That we have instruction in how to live (II Tim. 3:16-17).

CONCLUSION:

1. The best things in life are free.
2. But we must remember that God has paid a high price that we might enjoy them!