

# Thank You, God

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For the gift of your Son, a gift best *described* as “indescribable” (2 Corinthians 9:15). He “loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20)—what more can I say!

For Your grace, which is “exceedingly abundant” (1 Timothy 1:14); for Your “tender mercy” (Luke 1:78); and for Your “great patience” (Romans 9:22). For all the opportunities you’ve given me to repent (2 Timothy 2:24-26), I sure am grateful.

For the spiritual blessings I have in Your Son (Ephesians 1:3), including...

Redemption from sin (Romans 7:24-25; Colossians 1:13-14; Luke 2:36-38).

Fellowship with You (1 John 1:7).

Peace with You (Romans 5:1).

Assurance that my prayers are heard and answered by You (John 11:41-42; Hebrews 2:18; 4:14-16; 1 John 3:21-22; James 5:16).

Victory over sin and death (1 Corinthians 15:50-57).

Heir of the most wonderful inheritance I can imagine (Romans 8:16-17; Ephesians 1:11-14; Colossians 1:12; 1 Peter 1:3-4).

For revealing the gospel of Jesus Christ (Acts 13:48; Ephesians 3:1-5), a message which can be clearly understood by those with humble hearts (Matthew 11:25).

For the plan of salvation revealed in the gospel (2 Thessalonians 2:13-14).

For those with good and honest hearts (Luke 8:15) who welcome the gospel as Your word (1 Thessalonians 2:13), and who then obey the gospel (Romans 6:17).

For providing me the means to overcome temptation and sin—through the blood of your Son (Revelation 12:11), through your powerful word (1 John 2:14), and through the assurance that with every temptation you will provide a way of escape (1 Corinthians 10:13).

For my brethren...

For the grace given to them (1 Corinthians 1:4).

For the gifts given to them by Your grace (1 Peter 4:10-11).

For the way their gifts better equip me to serve You (Ephesians 4:11-13).

For their faith and love (Romans 1:8; 2 Corinthians 8:16; Ephesians 1:15-16; Colossians 1:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; 2 Timothy 1:3-5; Philemon 1:4-5).

For their fellowship in the gospel (Philippians 1:3-5).

For the encouragement and comfort they give me (Acts 28:15; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

For the joy they bring me (1 Thessalonians 3:9-10; Philemon 1:7).

For their generosity (2 Corinthians 9:10-14; Philippians 4:10).

For all the sacrifices they make (Romans 16:3-4).

For open doors to teach others the gospel (1 Corinthians 16:8-9; 2 Corinthians 2:12-16).

For those in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-4)—sent by You “for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right” (1 Peter 2:13-17; Romans 13:1-7).

For all my trials, tribulations, etc., because they’ve made me more humble (2 Cor. 1:8-9; 12:7-10); given me greater perseverance; improved my character; and all of this together has given me greater hope (Romans 5:3-4; James 1:2-4).

For food, clothing, shelter, good health, safe travel, etc. (Matthew 6:25-33; 15:36; Acts 27:35; Romans 14:6; Philippians 4:18-19; Philemon 1:22; 1 Timothy 4:3-5; 6:8; 3 John 1:1-2), for really every good thing (Ephesians 5:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18), because “every good gift and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17).

For the promise that you will ever be with me (Hebrews 13:5-6), even as I “walk through the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalms 23:4).

*“Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips, giving thanks to His name” (Hebrews 13:15).*