

# Thankful Faith

Sunday Morning, November 24, 2013

## Thesis:

A Thankful Faith Rejoices, Because It Sees "Hope" in God in All Things.

## Introduction:

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## **I. A Thankful Faith Recognizes Being Counted As Worthy**

**(Acts 5: 12 – 20)**

12 Many signs and wonders were being done among the people through the hands of the apostles. By common consent they would all meet in Solomon's Colonnade.

13 None of the rest dared to join them, but the people praised them highly.

14 Believers were added to the Lord in increasing numbers—crowds of both men and women.

15 As a result, they would carry the sick out into the streets and lay them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on some of them.

16 In addition, a large group came together from the towns surrounding Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

17 Then the high priest took action. He and all his colleagues, those who belonged to the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy.

18 So they arrested the apostles and put them in the city jail.

19 But an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail during the night, brought them out, and said,

20 "Go and stand in the temple complex, and tell the people all about this life." *(The Rest of the Story...Acts 5: 40 – 42 on next*

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**(Acts 5: 40 – 42)**

40 After they called in the apostles and had them flogged, they ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them.

41 Then they went out from the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to be dishonored on behalf of the Name.

42 Every day in the temple complex, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. [Beaten & Forty Lashes](#)

**(Romans 12:12)**

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.

**(Romans 8: 16 – 17)**

16 The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God's children,

17 and if children, also heirs— heirs of God and coheirs with Christ— seeing that we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. [If We Suffer...Joint Heirs With Him](#)

## **II. A Thankful Faith Looks Forward to the Outcome of Trials**

**(James 1: 2 – 8)**

2 Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials,

3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

4 But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

5 Now if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without criticizing, and it will be given to him.

6 But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

7 That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

8 An indecisive man is unstable in all his ways.

[Temptations Through Circumstances](#)

**(Galatians 5: 22 – 23)**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. [Fruit](#)

**III. A Thankful Faith Takes Action & Is Thankful in All Things**  
**(I Thessalonians 5: 14 – 18)**

14 And we exhort you, brothers: warn those who are irresponsible, comfort the discouraged, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

15 See to it that no one repays evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good for one another and for all.

16 Rejoice always!

17 Pray constantly.

18 Give thanks in everything, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Pray At All Times In the Spirit  
Stay Alert With Perseverance  
Intercede for the Saints  
Be Thankful in All Things

**Conclusion:**

Do You Have A Thankful Faith?

A Thankful Faith Rejoices,  
Because It Sees Hope in God  
in All Things!