

And be thankful



Colossians 3:15b

Introduction

- Example of being thankful
- Sevenfold Dimensions of Thankfulness in Colossians



We Always Thank God for You (1:3, 4)

- When we pray for you...a thankful prayer
- Because we heard of your faith and love
- Part of bearing fruit and growing



Giving Thanks to the Father (1:12)

- He has qualified us (1:12)
Light in a dark world!
- He has delivered us (1:13)
- He has transferred us (1:13,14)



Abounding in Thanksgiving (2:7)



- Wording of verse 6 is astounding!
- Note their standing in the faith—
rooted, built up,
established...thanksgiving abounds
from a rooted faith.
- Profoundly theological experience...
- Just as you were taught

Be Thankful in the One

Body (3:15)



- Peace of Christ rule in your hearts
- Love binds everything together in perfect harmony
- Let word of Christ dwell in you richly
- Teaching and admonishing one another
- Christian faith is “one another”—

Sing with Thankfulness

(3:16)



- **Psalms, hymns, spiritual songs**
- **In your hearts, collectively**
- **Directed toward God—thankful praise**
- **emphasizes two movements of the Christian assembly**

Do everything...giving thanks (3:17)



- Covers everything from word and deed.
- In the name of the name of the Lord—honoring Jesus with what we do
- Through Jesus that we even can give thanks!

Thankful watching in prayer (4:2)

- **Continue steadfastly in prayer**
- **Being watchful in it [being on the alert]**



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- Application: What part of my life needs more expressions of gratitude & thankfulness?

