

Foundations 5d—Abounding in Faith with Thanksgiving

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits”. **Hebrews 6:1-3**

The Lord Jesus said “Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.” **Mark 11:24**

The Lord said “when you pray believe you receive”. He did not say “Pray, and later if you see any signs that make you think your prayer is being answered, then believe”. No, He did not say that! We are to pray with faith. “When you pray believe you receive”. That means we do the believing WHEN we pray. If we truly believe that we receive, then we should give thanks to the Lord for receiving what we just asked Him for.

“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” **1John 5:14-15**

When we pray according to God’s Word, we know we are praying according to His will. We know He hears us and that we receive what we asked.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” **Philippians 4:6-7**

Paul instructs us to let our prayers be made “with thanksgiving”. If we do this, our faith will be strong, even to overflowing.

Paul taught the Colossian saints to overflow in strong faith by giving thanks.

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Praying and confessing God’s Word, with thanksgiving, causes our faith to overflow. Praying and speaking God’s Word activates the promises of God to be fulfilled. Following are some promises we can activate by thanking God for them as our faith overflows. Let’s practice giving thanks daily.

Thank You Lord that I am saved!

“For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” **Romans 10:13**

Thank You that your mercies are new every morning.

“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed. Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.” **Lamentations 3:22-23**

Thank You that your precious blood has washed away all my sins.

“In Whom (Jesus) we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins” **Colossians 1:14**

“Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.” **Isaiah 1:18**

Thank You that You do not remember my sins.

“Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” **Hebrews 10:17**

Thank You that I a NEW CREATION in Christ Jesus.

“Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Thank You Lord that I have been delivered from the power of darkness and You have brought me into the kingdom of Your beloved Son, Jesus.

“Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love” **Colossians 1:12-13**

Thank You that, in Christ, I receive an abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness.

“For if by the one man’s offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.” **Romans 5:17**

Thank You, Lord Jesus, that now You are my righteousness (I am now right with God), You are my sanctification (transformation into Christlikeness) and my redemption (deliverance and wholeness). I give You all the glory for saving me, changing me and keeping me.

“But of Him (God) you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God — and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.” **1 Corinthians 1:30-31**

Thank You that, through Jesus, I have access to God the Father.

“For through Him (Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”

Ephesians 2:18

Thank You that I can come boldly to God’s throne, in prayer, anytime and receive mercy, grace and help. Thank You Lord Jesus that you are compassionate and merciful.

“For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” **Hebrews 4:15-16**

Thank You that God is not far from me and I can have close fellowship with Lord Jesus.

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.” **Ephesians 2:13**

“God *is* faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” **1 Cor. 1:9**

Thank You that You are working in me to “will and to do of Your good pleasure”. Have Your way in me!

“For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.”

Philippians 2:13

Thank You Lord for making me perfect in every good work that is pleasing in Your sight.

“Now may the God of peace, who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make

you perfect in every good work, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

Hebrews 13:20-21

Thank You that You will finish the good work You started in me.

“Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ”

Philippians 1:6

Thank You that You keep me from falling and will present me faultless before Your presence with exceeding joy!

“Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling,

and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to God our Savior, Who alone is wise, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and forever. Amen.” **Jude 24-25**

Thank You Father for giving Your Son, Jesus, so I can share His life and live through Him.

“In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.” **1 John 4:9**

Thank You that in my weakness Your strength is made perfect in my life.

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my weakness, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Corinthians 12:9

Thank You that as I continue to seek You and Your will first in my life, You will meet all my needs.

Psalm 34:10 “The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.”

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

2 Chronicles 26:5 “He sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God; and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him prosper.”

Cultivating the habit of thanking God will cause us to abound in faith.

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thes. 5:16-18

“Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.”

1 Chronicles 16:34

“So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, Will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations.” **Psalm 79:13**

“Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!” **Psalm 107:8**