

We Christians have so much to thank God for, but so few of us do. Why?

Ps 107:8 **Oh that** (Christians) **would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men** (and on behalf of others who don't)
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Ps 103:3-5 **Who forgives all your sins, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion, Who satisfies your** (spiritual) **mouth with good things** (His words, Himself), **So that your youth** (spirit) **is renewed like the** (Angel's).

Let's read and think about these inspired words from songs we sing, do we mean them?

Father in heaven **how we love you** **May your kingdom be established in our praises**
We lift your name in all the earth **As Your people declare your mighty works!**

Every good and perfect gift
Every promise that is true
Every blessing that we have comes from you
You're the giver of it all
And for that we stand in awe
And we lift out praises up
With grateful hearts

You're the light Who lights our way
You're the bread we (eat) each day
You've provided everything we'll ever need. **So with faith we look to you**
With our future now in view
And we praise you Lord of all
With grateful hearts

How can Christians constantly and for real give God thanks in everything from our hearts?

Eph 5:18-20 **...Be filled with the Spirit...singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God your Father in the name** (in the presence and person) **of our Lord Jesus Christ** (be in Christ).

1 Thes 5:18 **In everything give thanks; this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

Heb 13:15 **By Him (Christ) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks in His name** (nature)

Isa 57:19 **I create the fruit of the lips...** Ps 22:3 **...O You Who inhabits (our) praises...**

As we live in Christ we are so thankful to our Father, but in our human nature we are not

In my human nature, where God says (Rom 7:18) there's nothing good, there is worry, offence, un-forgiveness, envy, self-will, pride, ingratitude and complaining. I can fake being thankful but it doesn't fool God. When I live in Christ, my will controlled by God's Spirit, I'm not like that. Instead there is a joy and a contentment of being in faith, assured that I am being taken care of, and by the Spirit's inspiration I just want to give God thanks.

Gal 5:16-24 **Walk in the Spirit** (in continuous trust, now led to be thankful) **and you will not fulfill the desire of your human nature** (to complain)...**those who are Christ's** (whose will is His) **have crucified that nature with its** (ingratitude).

Ps 8:2 **Out of (our) mouths You ordain praise so You can silence (our) enemies.**