

Expose 48 K12

Thanksgiving- Change The Gear

This is Expose 247 where we bring illumination. If you remember Psalm 119 verse 105 says “**the Word of God is the lamp to my feet and a light to my path**”. So today we are trusting the Lord as we start Knock Out series 12 Expose 48 that every high rising building, every castles built on the foundation of lies, deceit and wrong belief will come crashing down today under the heavy weight of God’s word.

And you know it was so surprising yesterday that something could go wrong with thanksgiving. You know, we know that may be times and seasons there are so many misconception around that. But for thanksgiving because we always know in the common parlance that you can pray amiss but you can’t praise amiss. But yesterday we found out that we can actually praise amiss.

So do you want to help me in this to remind our viewers about why we are doing Knock Out series on thanksgiving, particularly on thanksgiving.

Now viewers all over the world thank you again for joining us on this knock Out Series. This is Knock Out series 12.

Yesterday we actually did a title that says “**when thanksgiving goes wrong**” and you might be wondering can thanksgiving actually go wrong? Well if you were with us yesterday, I mean you didn’t join us live, you might have to look at the video where we established from Luke Chapter 18 of somebody that started his prayer by saying O God I give you thanks, and then at the end of his prayer, Jesus commentary was he went away not justified. How can you go from the place of thanksgiving not justified?

Jesus said is possible in the place of thanksgiving. So we actually did an Expose on that yesterday and we contrasted the experience of that man with the man in Luke 17, One of the ten lepers who went back to Jesus and gave thanks. And Jesus said to him, your faith has made you whole. It was amazing the Luke 17 leper did not even pray all he did was give thanks. So we contrasted Luke 17 and Luke 18 I mean Jesus gave us classical teachings about thanksgiving that thanksgiving can go wrong. You can thank God in such a way that you even lose faith. And you can thank God in such a way that you walk in faith and we contrasted both yesterday on the last knock out we did yesterday.

Today we are making progress with that. What we actually promise yesterday after the transmission was, we said today we’ll look at **what is the scriptural basis for**

thanksgiving? How can we thank God in such a way that it impacts faith into our spirit? And that is what we are looking at today in today's knock out.

And again if you are just joining us, don't forget again I keep repeating this every single episode that we actually go through that the vision behind this Knock Out series is simple. It is there are practices, traditions, philosophies and concept that we engage in, in the body of Christ that actually stops us in our tracks in walking in the fullness of what Christ paid for in Redemption. So those are things we are knocking out. And those are things we are actually making sure we push them to the background. So that Christ can be the central thing about our Christian walk and that is the reason why we here this morning as well.

And we are going to carry on this morning to say **what really is thanksgiving? How can we engage in thanksgiving in a way that it impacts faith into our spirit?**

Yesterday the last verse that we read shows us how a man gave thanks to God and he had faith (and wholeness) for wholeness. And you see I hope we know that Jesus didn't say I heal you, Jesus told the man your faith has made you whole. So what that simply means is we can walk in thanksgiving in such a way that it impacts faith to our spirit and that is the reason we are here this morning to actually expose on such a type of thanksgiving.

Now follow us through quickly as we begin to look at this biblical base for thanksgiving. How can you thank God in a way that it impacts faith to your spirit? That is what we are looking at this morning. So we look quickly at Colossians chapter One.

Let's understudy the apostolic revelation of what thanksgiving is all about and how it can be effectively use as a tool in the place of prayer to walk in faith.

Now Colossians Chapter One, we are going to read that. I am going to take it quickly from... I will start from verse 12.

Colossians1:12

You see from verse twelve it talks about giving thanks. But you see it's very important that we look at the context of this particular verse. When I say context it means what happened before and after this verse. What actually motivated this verse in the scripture.

You see anytime you study the scriptures, it's very hard to go wrong if you contextualize what you are studying. It means what was the reason why it was actually written down. What was the context? What happened before and what

happened after? Those are tools in the hand of any good Bible study students so that we don't interpret the scriptures amiss.

So let's go quickly to that Colossians One.

Now am going to read instead of starting from verse twelve which is where it talks about thanks. I will read from verse 9. So we'll read the verses before and the verses after.

Now let's go straight through there. I read from verse nine.

Colossians 1:9

It says

“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

Now that is the word “for this cause.” So the Apostle Paul is saying there is a reason we are praying for you Colossians. And to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. So he's simply saying we've been praying for you that you will be filled with the knowledge of his will and all spiritual understanding.

10. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God

And in verse ten he says that you might walk worthy. Can you see that? If you look at verse nine, it say first you have the knowledge of his will and secondly in verse ten that you might walk worthy.

That tells you and I we cannot even walk worthy of the Lord unless we know some certain things. So walking worthy of the Lord is not because we have good desire to walk worthy you've got to be filled with the knowledge of his will first.

So verse ten says that you might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing. Being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of our God.

Look at verse eleven, now don't forget we are reading all these verses before the verse twelve which is the main verse so that you can get the context.

Look at verse eleven. It says

11. Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Can you see that?

It means verse ten was saying I pray that you walk your Christian walk in such a way that it will be pleasing to God. But you see when he say that in verse ten, he quickly added in verse eleven, is not about you wanting to walk worthy of the Lord, he said you need strength for that.

Can you see that?

It is not enough in the Christian walk that you have good intention. It is not enough that you actually have a good desire to do the right things. It takes strength. It takes capacity to do some things.

Have you remember the story of Peter, James and John when they were going to watch with Jesus in the place of prayer. Jesus said to them about the fact that they are going to actually mess up when the temptation comes. He told them about the fact they were going to denied and Peter said No I am not going to deny you. I have got good intentions, I am not going to deny you. And Jesus said to them pray so that you will not enter into temptation. He said why? Because the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. Even though you have good intentions, you don't have the strength to pull through in you. And he told them to pray to gather the strength.

So here is Apostle Paul saying, I am praying that you should walk worthy. I am praying that you will walk worthy, so that you can please God with your life. But I also understand that you need strength. It is not about good intentions. The Bible says in Proverbs 24:10 **if you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is little.**

It is not about good intentions we need strength. You want to live a life that pleases God. You want to stand out for the glory of God in your generation. You need strength. You need strength in your inner man. Your intentions are great but you need strength to pull through in the place of tension.

So here comes the Apostle Paul saying to them, I pray that you walk worthy before I say that I also understand the fact that you need strength to do the walking I am talking about.

So he says to them. Now don't forget all these are prayer points. All these prayer points seem to be on the negative and I will tell you why? Is like trying to pray for someone to have what they don't have. Don't forget that. Don't forget we are trying to contextualize thanksgiving. So is like you are praying I am praying you walk worthy and I am praying that you have the strength to do the walking. Don't forget all these,

all these happen in the negative point of view asking them, praying for them to possess something they seem not to have.

Now if you go on, look at verse eleven again,

11. Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Now as we begin to look at this. I want you to think about yourself and think about how your prayers go. Of course there is nothing wrong with petitioning the Father for what you don't have. You look at your life, you look at your situation, you look at your circumstance, you can say Father I think I need strength in this situation. I think I cannot pull through unless you help me. There is nothing wrong with that. We can see that in the scriptures where Paul was praying for the Colossians brethren to actually possess something they seem not to have on the outside.

So please can you see this is actually in consonance with what we do when we petition God for what we don't seem to see in our life. So that means you can relay with this prayer that the Apostle Paul is praying for the Colossians. This is important. We all petition the Father.

Look at this.

Look at verse twelve. Here come a switch. Now this is where... here come a switch. If we look at verse twelve. Look at this

12. Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Now we are contextualizing thanks. We are bringing thanksgiving to very limelight that the Word of God says it should be given, and not the way people treat thanksgiving as we did yesterday.

So please if you are just joining us today we encourage you to look at the last transmission we had yesterday where **we talked about when thanksgiving goes wrong. What thanksgiving is not? Today we are looking at what thanksgiving is?** That is the focus of today.

Now again if you are just joining us or you've been there please don't forget what we are looking at this morning, Colossians One we've start from verse nine to verse eleven. All seem to be in the negative point. When I say negative I mean is praying for someone to have what they don't seem to possess on the outside.

So is on negative sense and it seem like when we pray most of the time, our prayers are always in that sense. Always asking, always saying Father give me this, Father I don't have this, Father I am asking for my children, am asking for my family. Am asking for my friend, am asking for my job.

You see many times when we pray is always in that sense. And there is nothing wrong with praying in such a way as we see the Apostle Paul prayed for the Colossians brethren from Chapter one from verse nine to eleven.

Now see what happens in verse twelve. It sound to me that the Apostle change the game in verse twelve.

Now watch this.

Colossians One verse twelve, I read

It says

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet ... That is a very old English. It means who qualify us to partake of the inheritance of the saints in light. Again can you see a switch? The switch was I am praying that you walk this way. I am praying that you have strength. That is from verse nine to verse eleven. But in verse twelve there is a sudden switch in the midst of the prayer of the Apostle Paul for the Colossians.

In verse twelve he says I give thanks to the Father.

Now what are we notice, thanks goes to who? To the Father. Thanks is not about you. Thanks is not about your situation. Thanks is not about you walking worthy of the vocation for which God has called you. Thanks is not even about you been strengthened with might. Because the prayers from verse nine to verse eleven was about you.

Again I repeat, Colossians 1:9-11 was about the Colossians, it was about their spiritual state, it was about their spiritual status. It was about the way they were walking before God. It was about the strength they need for life and destiny. That was verse nine to verse eleven. As you notice in verse twelve it stopped being about them.

O my God! Colossians 1:12 stopped being about the Colossians and it started to be about God. He said

Giving thanks to the Father, giving thanks to the Father.

Now why will he give thanks to the Father? Paul said am thanking the Father because the Father did something already.

Now can you see that? This is the context of thanksgiving in the New Covenant. He said even though am praying, am petitioning the Father to give something to you. But you see I want to give thanks to him for he already did something. You see, when you are some much consume about what you are asking God to do that you actually not putting in proper context of what God did already.

So see the link between what you are asking God for and what God has done is thanks. That is why verse twelve says giving thanks to the Father.

Now if you follow us through. We are going to go through verse thirteen and verse fourteen.

Have you noticed once the apostle Paul inserted thanks in verse twelve, the whole thing change. Watch this!

He said

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:

Even nothing about am praying... can you see the change of language? Can you see that in verse eleven he was praying that they will... can you see that? That you will walk worthy in verse ten and in verse eleven that you will be strengthen.

It was about I am praying it will happen to you. But in verse twelve as soon as he mention I give thanks to the Father, the next thing he said is the Father who had made you. Can you see that?

Can you see the only thing that changes the language of your prayer is thanks.

Again I repeat what changes the tenses of your prayer is thanks.

He said I give thanks to the Father who hath, can you see?

Now is about who had made us as opposed to verse nine, ten, eleven that says I pray that you will be. Can you see that?

You see if from verse nine to eleven was you will be. From verse twelve onward as soon as thanksgiving came in to the whole story it was about God who hath made us. Who hath made us. Can you see?

He said who hath made us to be qualified to partake of the inheritance of the saints in light. Can you see that? He said he did it already. He said Colossians am telling you that God already qualified you to partake of the inheritance in the saints. The saints have an inheritance in them.

The saints you see Jesus when he actually resurrected. The Bible says in Hebrew 9:16 that **until the death of the testator the testament does not goes into effect.** Jesus selected a will for you and I when he died and resurrected. He left a will for us. Is call a testament. Just like a rich man who died and left his resources for his generation, or for his offspring. In the same way the Bible says Jesus left us an inheritance, an inheritance is already in the saints. Now is not saying is hanging in space on the head of the saints. He's not saying is hanging in the by and by. He said is inside the saints.

And so the Apostle Paul is saying and don't forget one thing am praying for you that you will be strengthen with all might but I give thanks to God that is already in you. Now this is what thanksgiving does. Again we repeat **thanksgiving is the link, is the bridge between am praying that you will and am saying you hath. The bridge is what? Thanksgiving.**

See that's what we do with thanks. Thanks is what connect the Lord am praying for this and Lord I thank you for I have that. Thanks is the bridge as we see in the apostolic revelation

Yeah you might need to clarify this to our viewers because now it is a common knowledge in the body of Christ and in some certain places of worship that they always use that what you are praying for, thanksgiving is the bridge sort of. What you have used prayer for and you don't get it and you can use praise.

But you see that praise is not in the light of this in verse twelve. In praise that already acknowledge, that you already had this, that you already made. But they just want to use that praise as the bait, you know just like sycophancy, head swelling so that it may make God to do what he's reluctant, what he doesn't want to do. So let's just give him head swelling, let's give him sycophancy, let's try to pressure him and they make him feel good.

So they use it as a bridge but not in the light to understand that he has already made you. You already has the request answered, provided for. But they are using it as the pathway, they even use it as a last resort. If you have try fasting, you've try prayers, you've try some other things, try thanks. Try to force his hands. Thanks to make his head swell. Some will say you made his head swell. Trying to relate with what he will

made. Putting the Father in their own stead that O you will appreciate somebody coming and singing your praises and everything so even things you don't plan to do you end up doing that because somebody is saying good things about you. Head swelling and all those things.

But no that is not the way. This is not about head swelling of God. You can't make God head swell anyway. Because why? The Bible said the same yesterday today and forever (Hebrew 13:8). You can't change him or make him bigger or small or make him whatever. The fact is, this simply says when you give thanks. Is for you and not for God. The reason is you begin to come into the realization that the very thing you are asking God to strengthen you with is already an inheritance in the saints. And he says thanks is the game changer. Can you see that?

You cannot use that thanks as a bribe or a bait. Is not a bait for God. Is something to revolutionize your spirit. Is for you. Thanks is for you. So that you are saying Father, so it means the very thing I was asking for is already an inheritance in the saints. Because somebody asked a questions on... one of our viewers. Somebody said how can I make what God has given in me Christ because the person heard us we kept on saying that God has given us all we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who has called us to glory and virtue. The person said well how can I make this a reality in my life? How can I actualize? How can I make it a physical reality what Christ has done for me?

So you see, to that person asking the question here comes the answers. The answers says well you know what, if you've been living in verse nine to verse eleven of Colossians One in your life, where you are saying that am praying that I walk worthy of your vocation. Am praying that you strengthen me with all might to live my destiny. He said well what you need to do is you need to make a switch in verse twelve by using thanksgiving as your gear. You see? That is what you do the switch. He said use thanksgiving by simply saying...you know what? Have you come to the realization that whatever you are asking him to release into your life is already an inheritance in the saints.

Now watch this! Who hath made us... he didn't say is in the process of making us. He didn't say if you pray long enough, if you convince God, if you gather prayer warriors praying for you, if you put pressure on God Or if you praise enough, if you put national days or weekly days of prayer or if you do early morning prayers or consistence prayers you will make God do it. But he said who hath made us, who hath made us.... You were too late before you ever convince God to make you.

The Bible says in Colossian 1:12 **who hath made us**. But you see what thanksgiving does is to bring back to focus in your life. It means thanksgiving doesn't do anything to God. Please it doesn't even make God to be more predispose towards you. It doesn't make God to be more happier with you for God to say you know what Oh he's actually thanking me down there I will blessed him more now. That is why people paint the picture. It doesn't do that.

What thanksgiving does it does something to you. It makes you realize that the very thing you are asking God for was already an inheritance in the saints. And that is what Paul was praying for the Colossians brethren. He said giving thanks to the Father who hath made us to partake can you see that? Who hath made us to partake of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Now look at the next verse, verse 13 it says

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son."

This is amazing! This is amazing! Now the reason why he was telling them to walk worthy. He was praying for them to walk worthy is so that they won't before a prey to the deceit of the enemy. So that they will not fall prey in this present world. That is why he was praying in verse ten, verse eleven that they will walk worthy of the vocation you have received. He told them that you will walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing.

But look at what he said, in verse 13 he said **who hath delivered us from the dominion of darkness**. Can you see that? He said **who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated into the kingdom of his dear son**.

Please if you notice you will see all these are in the past tense or past tenses.

He said delivered us, translated us, can you see that? Made us... you are already made. It means what a kind of prayer? What kind of prayer life is this? You are asking the Father to be strengthen and also at the same time thank you for you have made us. Thank you for you have given us the dominion. Thank you for you have translated us from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of your dear son.

And the Bible says you can have both views in the place of prayer when you are petitioning the Father, and at the same time you are thanking the Father for what He did in Christ. And he said the only way that can ever happen to you is to use thanksgiving as the bridge in the place of prayer.

Now we can see the proper context of thanksgiving. Is all about God and though is all about God it does everything in you not everything to God. It does everything in you. Is about God but it does things it in you.

Now before we actually finish up this Colossians Chapter One verse nine to fourteen is so meaty. There are so many things in there. Before we go finish that. I want you to see what the Bible says in Philippians Chapter four.

You see we are going to come back to this Colossians Chapter One because we've not fully dissect it.

Philippians Chapter Four see the apostolic instruction about prayer. If you read from verse six what does it say please.

Philippians 4:6

“6. Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

He said don't be anxious about anything. Don't forget you see this anxiety and been careful was the very same thing that Christ address in Mathew Chapter 6 about not getting worry about life. And I think the reason anytime the Bible talks about not being anxious is about what you don't have. Have you noticed? Because Matthew 6 says don't worry about what you are going to eat, what you are going to drink, what you are going to put on and for some is about, even is more than that, for some is about the fact that what will kill me, I don't want this to kill me, I don't want... there are so many... and Bible says ... so many hierarchy of needs. Don't be anxious about anything. Don't let anxiety take the better part of you.

Now is going to tell us what to do. Because if you tell me not what to do, you should tell me what to do.

Now what does it says please

Be careful for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

In everything not some of the things.

Go on please

Now you see if you have some other versions. It will say with petition.

Now we know when it says with petition, with prayer. Prayer with petition which means instead of you getting worried up about anything am simply saying that you

petition the Father for the very thing you think is lacking in your life. That is why James chapter one verse five says if anybody lacks wisdom let him ask from God that gives liberally to men, instead of you getting worried about it why don't you ask him for it. And that is petition. And you see that again takes us back to Colossians 1:9-11... that is what is there. He says petition the Father, why are you so worried about protection, why are you so worried about your security of your life and children, why are you so worried of... just he say ask the Father.

Now the fact is he's not just saying ask the Father in petition and supplication

What does he says next

With thanksgiving.

Well before you finish asking, because don't forget don't just stop at Colossians 1:9-11 please go to verse twelve. That is what he's simply saying to you. Because you see many people in the place of prayer they just actually end with prayer and supplication or as it were. They start Colossians Chapter One and they go from verse nine to verse eleven and they stop.

He says NO! Don't do that! You have to do it with thanksgiving. You need to bring yourself to the consciousness that the very thing you are asking God for, Christ already made us. That is why he says with thanksgiving. It has to be with, is not optional. It has to be with thanksgiving.

In fact it sounds to me like somebody who is actually design a cake. And you see when you put something he said it has to be ...it doesn't make it complete. And the reason why he said that is because if he says make prayer and supplication and stop there, you were in the negative. That is the problem. Because you were believing that you don't have. And you are asking the Father, you are petitioning the Father and if you've been with us in the past twenty five or twenty minutes that we've started. We simply started that there is nothing wrong with asking the Father for anything. Because the Apostle Paul said in Colossian 1: 9-11 he prayed for them that they will walk worthy of the vocation they have received. He prayed for them to be strengthen with all might. There is nothing wrong with starting your prayer from the negative sense of saying Father give me because I think I don't have. But there is everything wrong if after your petition and supplication there was no thanksgiving with it. It means you never got to Colossians 1:12 in the midst of your prayer. He says with thanksgiving.

What is the next thing he says?

Be careful for nothing: but in **everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.**

It means as you are making your request to the Father, Can you see that? In prayer and supplication.

Now with thanksgiving you are simply saying Father I thank you for you have made me to partake of the inheritance, because you see anytime you give thanks it switch focus from your prayer points and switches focus to what God did in Christ Jesus.

Again let's put this straight again, anytime you put thanksgiving in your prayers at the end of your prayers. If you do it in the apostolic way of thanksgiving what it does is, it takes the focus-your focus away from what you are talking about and put your focus on God who had made you to partake of the inheritance of the saints in light.

For example, if what you are concern about in your request to God is to say that you don't have, Father please bless me this year, that is a negative sense. But when you give thanks the Father I thank me for you have given me all that I need for life and godliness. If what you are petitioning the Father for was for security, you see Father there are some many dangerous people on the road today, there are so many dangerous people killing people today, so many things are happening beyond people's control and you are scare and if that is what you are praying the Father for. The Bible says in Colossians 1:13 **who hath delivered us from the power of darkness.** So it means you are asking God for protection and at the same time you are bringing to your own understanding the fact that you have been delivered from the dominion of the evil one.

See only thanks can do that simultaneously. Only thanks can take your petition, the New Testament thanksgiving take you ... see! It takes you from asking and at the same time bring in focus to you what you already have. Only thanks can do that, if it is done in the New Testament way.

Here Paul says am asking you to petition God for your need but also am asking you to do thanks in the midst as well. Am asking you to do thanks because thanks...

See, one of the reason and we need to say this. One of the reason why atimes some problems in our life looks so big is simply because of the kind of focus we put on them. You see when we focused on things we can expantiate them or we can diminish them. And that is why he simply say when you petition the Father be quick to do thanks. And you see you cannot do thanks in the New Testament way unless you go through Colossians 1:12-14. That is the New Testament thanksgiving.

Yesterday we've established the fact thanksgiving is not comparison. Again we need to reiterate that, thanksgiving is not comparison like thanking the Father say O God I thank you am not like that person. O God I thank you that many people cannot eat and am eating, O God I thank you many are in the hospital am not in the hospital. That is not New Covenant thanksgiving.

Jesus condemn such kind of mentality in the book of Luke Chapter 18. You can check out the parable we've done an Expose on this already. But what is New Covenant thanksgiving? That is what we have been revealing today in the scriptures. We've gone through Colossians Chapter One from verse nine up to verse thirteen. And again we are reading through Philippians Chapter four from verse six down to verse seven.

Can you continue please?

Philippians 4:7

7. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Shall keep God's heart? No! Shall keep your heart.

Can you see that?

Again, you see He said if you do it with thanksgiving, can you see that?

Now you see it sounds to me that Apostle Paul by the revelation of the spirit is like a wise master builder, is just like when you are building a house, you know you are laying the blocks. He is simply saying when you are laying the blocks of prayer and supplication, don't forget to insert thanksgiving there. Do Colossians 1:12.

And he said if you do that and put everything in context what happens is? The peace of God that passes understanding shall keep your heart. Is not keeping God's heart. Again we see a New Covenant that thanksgiving doesn't do anything.

Again this is actually knocking out that mentality that people have in the body of Christ today when you think anytime I give thanks to God it will provoke God to react on my behalf. It will provoke God to release. They says when praises go up blessing come down. Where do you find out in the scriptures?

People uses verse in the book of Psalms that says that God inhabit the praise of his people. Unfortunately we are not going to even begin to dissect that kind of verse anyway. Because the reality is you can see in this place he said when you do your prayer and your supplication. He said with thanksgiving what happen is, because as you are thanking God you are saying Father I thank you. Father I thank you for

you've given me all I need for life and godliness. Father I thank you that Jesus became a propitiation for my sin that he that knew no sin was made sin for me so that I can become the righteousness of God in him. Father I thank you for every good gift and perfect gift comes down from above from the Father of lights in whom there is no shadow of turning. You will not change your mind about me.

See! When you begin to give thanks the Apostle Paul says by the spirit of grace that peace of God comes into your heart. You are the one that need the peace not God. So thanksgiving does nothing to God and it does everything to your spirit man. And that's what we are talking about.

Yes you have to dissect that verse, there is one particular verse that you say you would not dissect that says God inhabit the praise of his people...ok because this is knock out series. We are not going to discountenance any verse.

That is amazing.

Let just say this.

You see what he' says, when he says God inhabit the praise of his people. Now as we know, as we fully understand that the Bible says God doesn't dwell anymore in physical temple. That is what he says in the New Covenant.

You see in the Old Testament you understand that when Solomon built the temple and when all those old sages, when Abraham build the altar, every time they build all these things... because God as at that time was dwelling in Arks made with hands. Even don't forget even Solomon said it himself when he was opening the temple (1Kings 8:27). We know that God is so mighty and so great that we cannot confine him into any physical edifice. Even as at that, the reality is the way God dwells in the New Covenant is not the same way he dwells in the Old Covenant.

We understand 1Corinthians Chapter Six tell us your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. So if God will ever going to arise, if God was ever going to move. Is in your temple. Because you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. And that is why the Bible says we should stir up ourselves in the Holy Ghost. It means when you praise, when you praise God and when you give thanks to God something happens in your spirit. Your spirit is stir up. Your spirit man is stir up.

You see Paul told Timothy he said fan into flame the gift of God that was given to you by the laying of hands of the presbytery. Fan to flame. It means then if God surely dwell in you, you are the temple of the spirit of God. Anytime you praise God what happens is, you are lifting up your own spirit.

And that is why you see in this Philippians Four he says if you do thanksgiving the peace of God will guide your heart. Something happens. So God in you, God in your spirit. The Lord in your spirit is actually stir up in your heart when you praise. That is what he's saying. He's not saying that anytime you praise God, then God throws something down from heaven to you. Of course, we are not in the Old Covenant. We are in the New Testament where you are the temple of the spirit of the Holy Spirit and not a physical building.

And if you understand you have to interpret when he says God inhabit the praise of his people. That is why the Bible says with joy you will draw water from the well of salvation. The well is not hanging in space is your spirit man. That is why the Bible says in John 7. Jesus said to those that believe on me, he said if anybody believes on me, out of his belly as the scripture has said. Out of his belly shall flow rivers. Is coming from your belly, from your heart. Is not coming from space. So if God surely inhabit the praise of his people. It means anytime you praise, anytime you give thanks your spirit man is stir up. The God in you is stir up. That's what it's simply saying.

And you see that is in agreement with Philippians 4:6&7. Because Philippians 4:6,7 says when you give thanks, he said offer prayers supplications with what? Thanksgiving and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guide your heart. So we can simply say then, any time you praise, any time you give thanks God in you is stir up. Something happen to your heart. Something happen to your spirit. And that is what is simply saying.

So again that reinforces what we said about the fact that thanksgiving does nothing to God. It does everything to your spirit. Your spirit is stir up. Don't forget the Bible simply says in 1Corinthians 6 if anybody is join with the Lord, he is one spirit with him (1Cor 6:17). So it means that when your spirit get stir up. God in you get stir up and that is what you have to notice there.

So we are simply saying this that thanksgiving is the connection point between you asking in the negative what you don't have and that which God gave you in Christ Jesus.

And you see the reason, this takes all the way back to what we said yesterday which we didn't clarify properly in Luke 17.

Now this is making a lot of spiritual sense. In Luke 17 about the ten lepers, you know one of them came back to Jesus. You know ten lepers were healed of their leprosy in Luke 17. They were healed of their leprosy but only one of them came back to give

thanks to God. And Jesus replied and made a commentary about what the leper who was healed what he did.

Jesus said on the basis that you gave thanks. Now we know what he must have said. You see before yesterday we didn't have the full understanding of what he said. But now we know what he must have said, because in the New Testament we now see what thanksgiving is as in Colossians.

See you can read Colossians Chapter 4, Chapter 3 all over the New Testament scriptures. Thanksgiving has only one connotation. It is to come into agreement of what God already provided for us in Christ Jesus.

Now we know what the man must have said, because the Bible didn't tell us what he said before. He must have talked about the fact that I thank you I know what you have given me. I know what you have release and provided for me already. Now based on what he said in Luke 17, Jesus said go your way, your faith has made you whole.

Now we understand the reason why the Philippians 4:6&7 says anytime you do prayers and supplications always make sure it goes with thanksgiving. You know why? So that faith can be impacted into your spirit. Because there is no way you are asking God for protection from the evil one and you then say thanks be to God as we see in Colossians 1:12 who hath delivered me from the dominion of what? Darkness. There is no way you can say that and faith will not arise in your spirit to respond to the protection that God has provided for you already in Christ Jesus. There is no way you can say those things, there is no way you can give thanks. Thanksgiving makes faith to spark up in your spirit.

And if you are just joining us or you were with us yesterday. Let us reiterate this again and again, the reason why we are so concern about thanksgiving is that being a very great tool in the spirit. Is a tool if not abuse, can actually make us to build our faith to receive from God.

Yes I just hope our viewers they can see clearly even with their eyes and their heart to know the difference now, and then to know that there is no way, you know there is no practical ways anybody can do the New Testament thanksgiving without having the New Testament attitude.

You can't do it without having living in the New Testament reality. There must be a thanksgiving for you to be able to do the thanksgiving- the correct biblical thanksgiving. So there must be a living, living in the reality of the New Testament.

You cannot just say today I am going to get the thanksgiving aspect right and am not going to get the other things right. Because you can't do that thanksgiving. This new biblical thanksgiving. The New Testament thanksgiving. You can't do it without understanding that you've already... he has provided this. That all these things had been done. The past participle of God's word. Is done. You have been translated. You have been delivered. You are already made. Is not that you are praying to be made. You are asking God to make you and you are thanking him for already made you. That is Colossians 1:9-13. You need to read it. It's a switch. It tells us the powerful weapon of thanksgiving in the place of prayer.

The thing is you can never do it right unless you know you are living in that reality- the New Testament reality of knowing that what he has done. So if you are not fully convinced that you are already made. How can you make a thanksgiving of that? Your thanksgiving will not be in that line. Some still do that thanksgiving, they do thanksgiving but they do the thanksgiving in the hope that as a bait. That will make me. Let me use it to pull him out. Let me use this to feel so too impress. And then is out of himself. You know just cannot you know bringing to that state, drunken stupor state he doesn't even know what he's doing anymore. So you just singing his praise, he didn't even know what he's doing. So he can give you what he doesn't plan to give you in the first place. Setting him as a trap. You know to use thanksgiving as a bait as a trap to bring him out. To do what he would not have done naturally.

But you know if you are living in the New Testament, the New Testament reality which you know and what we are talking about yesterday and what we've been talking about from the days of prodigal Father series and from all the Knock Out series on the foundation of knowing the grace of God whichever way, is still come down ... so you are even making a petition. Even when you are making petition. You are making it with thanksgiving that thank you for what you provided for me in Christ Jesus.

See, you cannot make thanksgiving by looking at yourself. That is the problem and that is what we say was wrong with the thanksgiving when we discussed about yesterday that in most of the thanksgiving that people give today in places of worship they are too much focused on us. You see we are thanking God because I bought a new car in this year. I am giving thanks to God because I know that I had a better lot last year than my neighbor. You see when all these thanksgiving are too much focused on us, they deprived us of faith like you saw yesterday in Luke 18:9 the Bible says he left the place of thanksgiving and he wasn't even justified. And that is what we reiterated yesterday.

Even some, some even go to the extent that even when they are giving the thanksgiving. They tell them to give thanksgiving based on... You will not get a new one if you are not going to thank the one you sow yesterday. So actually you are not going to get a new one. That sounds like thanking God who keep changing. And that is against James 1:17.

You are not going to get a new thing until you praise for the one you get. So they actually have to look into what they can physically see, O did I see the new car? The last car I had yesterday. Did I see the new thing that came in? The new thing. So all there thanksgiving is only focused on what they can physically see around. Because that is what is driving them to see... so thank him for that car so you can get another new one. And if you don't do that thanksgiving for that car, you don't get a new one. If you don't do thanksgiving for... because of that child that I gave you, you can't get another one. So is still base on the physical things in the Old Testament way of what you see. That is not New Testament thanksgiving. Not at all,

Because in the New Testament way you have to make you to see the inheritance in the saints that is which is inside of you. Your spiritual sight must be open to know what... you have to delve into what Christ did. Unto what? The translation he translated us, he delivered us, can you see that? And all that you need to think about them, meditate about them and talk about them in the place of prayer.

And you need to be fully convince that he has already accomplished that in you. You need to know that there is an inheritance of the saints and you have that conviction that you cannot be shaken off. There is an inheritance in the saints. You must understand that, that joy is inside of you. You have to draw. You really must be convince. You come to that place of conviction that that thing is inside of you. He's done it in you. He has already translated you. Even when you are making the request, you are making the request in the full knowledge that he has already accomplished it in you. And you are not making a request and giving thanksgiving in a way to make him do what he has not done. That is the point.

Get him to do what he is not planning to do. No! Not by getting him to do what he doesn't want to do. What he had made cleared... You want to force his hand. So if you thank him enough. You can change his mind. We can force his hand. So we want to thank him to change his mind, to force his hand to do it. And put pressure just like people put pressure on him in giving, to make him do. You can too put pressure on him by thanksgiving. You know you can put pressure by prayer, you can put pressure by thanksgiving also, but is still boils down to us understanding this New Testament living.

You see New Testament thanksgiving is like New Testament living. It's like thanksgiving living. You just have to live in that reality. Live in that realm of knowing that by his grace he has given you all these, even in the place of prayer you cannot just stay outside. Outside the realm and the bandwidth of his grace, of the full knowledge of his grace that he has done it. What you are asking for is already done already.

So you are asking for it and you are saying thank you. You are asking for what he's already done. Only Thanksgiving can do that. New Testament thanksgiving.

Colossians One that is why we encourage you to have the Expose of Colossians One from verse nine to fourteen.

You see the Bible says out of the mouth of two or three witnesses let every matter be established. Of course there are so many scriptures in the New Testament that talk about thanksgiving. We cannot even exhaust them all. But the singular theme runs through all of them. Even if you go through 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5 where it says in all things give thanks (1 Thess 5:18). The reason why he said in all things, he said this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

When we say this is the will of God, people think that what is saying is do something that God will be happy about in your problem. Well that is not what he said. Or they say will of God just like accept it like them. That is why some people interpreted that verse to mean this is the will of God even though they have not even found out whether is the will of God, just thank anyhow. You must just thank God anyhow. It shows you must first of all find out what is the will of God in the New Testament.

The will of God is everything he did in Christ. I mean everything he did in Christ. He said who delivered you from the dominion of darkness into the kingdom of his dear son. The Bible says in Hebrew Chapter One he said God who at sundry times in diverse manners has spoken to us by the prophet but in these last days God already spoke through his son (Hebrew 1:1-2). It means that God will never change everything he did in Christ Jesus. If you believe in Christ Jesus your sins were forgiven, if you believe in Christ Jesus that he destroyed the works of the devil through the death of Jesus. If you believe in Christ Jesus, God already has favoured upon you and accepted you because Jesus was condemned on the cross.

Now he said God already spoke to us about his will using Christ Jesus as the instrument of his voice. So in simple terms, he's simply saying anytime you are in the midst of any circumstance, that is 1 Thessalonians 5:18 he said in all those circumstances, always give thanks to God. He said look and meditate upon what God

already accomplished so that you can take your focus from the circumstances and put your focus on God.

Now the question is, you want to ask me why do I need to put my focus on God when there was obvious circumstance? Now Luke 17 will speak to you about the leper. He said as soon as the leper gave thanks faith was impacted to him. It means if you switch your focus unto God to see what God did already even before you had the circumstance, what happen to you is faith is born in your spirit to walk in victory in that circumstance.

Can you see that?

Is a divine orchestration. Is a divine mathematics. That is how it works

So that is it.

And then you are very right about what you said about the common theme running through all the scriptures. Even the scripture that we will not be able to talk about. All through the New Testament that is the same common theme.

So we encourage you, you know what Expose is about is not just about spoon-feeding you about all the scriptures. Though we try to link the scriptures for you but we are pushing you to the place of your personal private study so that you can go and consider and see whether these things are so.

And that brings to light that Thessalonians verse that you are talking about. That you see, the common theme of knowing what the will of the Lord is you can never thanks aright in the New Testament without knowing what the will of the Lord is. So if you already don't know what the will of God, you cannot discern, you have not come to that discernment. You are not mature in the place of study and prayer to know what exactly is his will.

And if you are being tossed and people can be tossed by testimonies of what people say this, ok oh this one is working so let me apply it. Somebody said he apply praise and shouted seventy halleluiahs and granted this. And you don't know what it is. And some even are confused about what is his will. They don't even know in that situation, they cannot discern, is it the will of the Lord? Is because of my own foolishness. Is it because I am not standing in faith? They don't even know they thought even when it was the enemy they thought it was God. And even when it was themselves -the consequences, you know it really comes to a place of maturity. Nobody can do this hard job of you knowing of that discernment for you. You need to sit down to know

what is his will? Because you cannot do the New Testament thanksgiving without knowing what the will of the Lord is.

And if you want to know what the will of the Lord is, go and find out the implication of the death, the burial, the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is. What is the import? What is the implication in your life? Bible says God has spoken to us through his son. He has actually say everything he will say about your destiny through Jesus Christ.

Part of his will is to know what he has said that he had made you. He had made you. He has translated you. He has delivered you. The joy that you are looking for, the presence of God that you are looking for that you want to go into, into a place is inside of you. You know, he says well spring of life is inside of you and that is what is will is.

You have a lot to look into, you have a lot to go and dissect. To have discernment to know what it is. It is in that light when you understand what the will of the Lord is and when you know by his grace that is when you can have a right focus. You can have the alignment of your vision into what is right. And you will be able to take it away from the prevailing circumstance and be able to visit it on him. Because you know in the New Testament knowing that the will of the Lord what he has done, and so you can put your eyes off those, and put it where it should be which is on God.

And when you do faith comes back to your heart. That is the point. Like the Luke 17 man, once you do faith arises in you for wholeness. Can you see that?

We are not teaching some kind of buddist or some kind of buddistic tendency or some kind of meditation tactics saying put your mind on God. All those things don't have any power in them. We are not talking about powerlessness. We are talking about power. As soon as you switch your heart unto God. You see the reason why the Apostle Paul began to switch from verse nine to eleven, he started the switch in verse twelve unto thanks the reason was being that he was trying to access the power to cause the change, he was praying for the Colossians in verse nine to eleven of Chapter One of the book of Colossians.

What we are saying is what you make a switch, what happens is you are able to receive and respond to what God already did and that is faith. That is why this man in Luke 17, Bible says Jesus said your faith has made you whole. And all he did was give thanks. Can you see that? We are not just simply saying begin to meditate on God so that your problems look small, so that you can adapt to your problem. No!

What we are simply saying is that anytime you switch from Colossians One nine to eleven and you switch from verse twelve in thanks what simply happen is you are able

to respond to what God already did. And that actually make faith to be impacted in your spirit to cause a change in your circumstance. Can you see that?

You see, see in the end result, is about something changing around you and that is the whole point.

And you are right about that again. Because we are not just inviting the people to partake of the psychological effect of being optimistic, and then of just being gratitude. You know there is a level of just being grateful. No! this is power release. If you do that you know is better of. You know it has some little effect. Just give you some mood change and the rest.

We are not talking about just the physical benefit of gratitude or something like there. We are talking about something deeper here. Because we saw in that Luke 17 the guy went from being cleansed to wholeness. Because he give thanks.

We are talking about when you can build faith. You faith has made you whole. You want to build faith. You want wholeness, you just don't want one aspect just getting right. You want your spirit soul and body being presented preserve blameless until the coming of our Lord. You want power we are talking about that, and that is when you are talking about the New Testament. We are not just learning it to have the psychological effect of gratitude or being optimism and just looking at the bright side. That is not what we are doing. Look at what God did and don't bother about your circumstances.

Yes look on the bright side of things, all those things. We are talking something deeper. We are talking of wholeness. This is not psychology. This is power released. This is how to build up faith in the place of prayer. We are not talking about motivation aspect of thanksgiving... for you to come to that place of wholeness. I know you will really want to come to the place of wholeness. I know you want to come to the place of faith. You want to build up muscles. You know that is strengthen with might. How can you do that? By the New Testament thanksgiving way. That is that.

And that is thanks living. Because you just have to stay perpetually in that way with that attitude. You know bringing that attitude, you stay perpetually in it. So you cannot be and say you want to be in the Old Testament and know the will of God, and stay in that way and say you want to do the New Testament thanksgiving. Is not possible. Because is an attitude, is a way of life. You just have to choose to know what the will of the Lord is, and walk in it in every aspect be it in prayer, petition and in thanksgiving.

And that is what we are doing today. And I hope that you are blessed by it. Do you want to add any other things?

Do we have more time because like I said the Bible says out of the mouth of two or three witness let every matter be established.

Let's look at the man Abraham quickly who actually reiterate what we just talk about.

Do we still have more time? Is like we have 5mins or 7mins.

Yeah we can round up quickly

Romans Chapter 4 from verse 17

See what he says

(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

As it is written I have made you Father of many nations that is concerning Abraham before who he whom believe even God who quickens the dead and calleth those things which be not as if they were.

God already spoke something about Abraham in the past. God said I've made you. Now see, again like I said somebody was asking us the question **how can you walk in the physical reality of what God already made you?** Now here is your answer again.

Can you see that?

Verse 18 says

Who against hope believe in hope that he might become the Father of many nations according to that which was spoken so shall your seed be

And verse 19

And being not weaken in faith he consider not his own body now dead.

Now you see Abraham is fighting here. Is a fight, is actually fighting for survival. Fighting to fulfill God's purpose for his life,

And being not weaken in faith he consider not his own body now dead. When he was about hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's womb:

Verse 20,

Am reading Romans 4 verse 20. He said

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God

So can you see that? Again thanksgiving was sandwich. Again we see the connection between being about to build up faith and thanks. He said he was not weak in faith. He was rather strong in faith giving thanks. Some other version of the Bible says giving glory to God.

Here we come again the reason why we are picky about thanksgiving. You are wondering why are they talking about thanksgiving out of every issue we should talk about? They are not even talking about deliverance. They are not talking about this and that... thanksgiving? Thanksgiving? Why are you talking about thanksgiving? Oh now you see why we are talking about thanksgiving.

If thanksgiving is done in the New Covenant context, it is a tool for building up faith. It is a tool. That is why you cannot afford to thank wrong. That is why yesterday we titled our Knock out series “**when thanksgiving goes wrong**”. You cannot afford to thank wrong. You can actually thank wrong. You can praise amiss. People say you can't praise amiss. It is a lie. You can praise amiss. We saw that yesterday. Please go and watch that particular transmission.

But the fact is if thanksgiving is done in the right context, it is an effective tool for building up your faith. He says Abraham all he did was he just gave thanks Bible says... you see the question is what was the wording of his thanksgiving? What was he saying? Watch out! Watch out the next verse!

Look at next verse. He says

“And being fully persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able to also perform.”

And being fully persuaded, see that? That is what thanksgiving does to you.

Again, again let's go all the way to Philippians 4:6&7 he says **do not be anxious for nothing but in all things by prayer and supplication make your requests known to God and the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will do something to you. Will guide your heart. It is about you.**

The Bible says when Abraham gave thanks verse twenty-one says Abraham was the one that was persuaded. God wasn't the one who was persuaded. God wasn't persuaded to bless him because in verse 17, God already said I made you.

See! This context in the church that says that when you give thanks to God, God will be motivated to give more to you. It is a lie. God doesn't get motivated with your thanks. It is a big lie. It is not in the scriptures. It might be the way God reacted in the Old New Testament but not in the New Testament.

God already told Abraham in Romans 4:17 I made you the Father of many nations. It was Abraham that needed to be persuaded not God. And what the thanks did for him in verse 20... the Bible says he gave thanks to God and he was persuaded.

Verse 21 be fully persuaded. See! Thanksgiving persuades you.

Now we know the reason why Paul in Colossians One from verse nine after he prayed for the Colossians brethren then he said let's now convince you. Actually the thanks in verse twelve of Colossians was to persuade the Colossians brethren. That was the reason. It was them that needed persuasion not God.

Now this is the reason why we have done this Knock Out series on thanksgiving. God bless you.

And we see that in that same Philippians 4: 6. So we are just encouraging you to switch to the New Testament way of thanksgiving.

And so if you are blessed by this we will like you to share this around with all your contacts so that they can be blessed the same way and you can speak the same language like them making communication easier.

And so if you have any questions and comments, we want to tell those people that are asking those questions. Some of those questions are answered in the other episodes. So is better for you to go to our page Expose 247. You might really find the answers to some of your questions.

And just like we said yesterday, we have a ministration today in Churly we just hope that if you can join us on the live transmission.

Yeah we are ministering today at Chapel Life Christian fellowship in Churly Lancashire. If you are in Lancashire greater Manchester region you can join us for that live ministration in the church. But also if you are not able to join us if you are far away you can join us live. I think you can be part of us around 11:00-11:30am roughly.

So if you can make it around 11:00-11:30am you can connect back and you can connect to us on Expose 247 and any of our individual facebook page to do that.

And then if you cannot, you can still find it any time in the week on our page. And then we can still meet again next week Saturday 7pm and Sunday 9pm UK time to continue on the Knock Out Series.

So stay blessed and keep sharing and living the faith.

God bless you.

Bye!!