

Thanksgiving 2024

- I.** Our God is a good God (Mk. 10:18; Lu. 18:19 *cf.* 1 Tim. 1:11).
 - 1. Goodness is one of the attributes of God.
 - 2. Good (*agathos*) has the idea of a sense of inner wellbeing, inner enjoyment—happiness.
 - 3. Thankfulness is a result of happiness.
 - 4. Christians with divine enablement can be thankful (Gal. 5:22; *cf.* Eph. 5:20).
 - 5. Spiritual thankfulness cannot be conjured up, or produced by the unsaved or carnal Christians (Rom. 1:21).
 - 6. The two sides to “*charis*”.
 - 1) God toward us—grace (Eph. 2:8-9).
 - 2) Us toward God—thanks (1 Cor. 15:57).
- II.** All things work together for good/happiness:
 - 1. For those who are loving God (Rom. 8:29).
 - 2. We love the Father by loving the brethren: the New Commandment (1 Jn. 4:19-21).
- III.** Thanks is to the Father:
 - 1. For His indescribable gift by making each of us part of the Body of Christ (2 Cor. 9:15).
 - 2. For having been chosen by the Father (2 Thes. 2:13).
 - 3. For being delivered from spiritual darkness into the light (Col. 1:12-14).