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# GIVING THANKS FOR WHAT WE KNOW

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**Text: Romans 8:28-29** 

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren." (Romans 8:28–29)

INTRODUCTION								

# 1. WE KNOW WE ARE

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:12–13)

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" (John 1:12)

## A. Because of \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)

#### HE IS ETERNAL LIFE

"And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life." (1 John 5:20)

"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6)

"Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else." (Isaiah 45:22)

"And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day." (John 6:40)

## HE PROVIDES ETERNAL LIFE

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;" (Romans 3:24–25)

## B. Because of the \_\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

#### ASSURANCE IN HIS WORD

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God;" (1 John 5:13a)

"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son." (1 John 5:11)

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." (1 Peter 1:23–25)

"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you." (1 Peter 1:23–25)

## ASSURANCE FOR ETERNITY

"that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." (1 John 5:13b)

"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." (2 Peter 1:2-4)

## PRECIOUS PROMISES WE CAN KNOW

- 1. We will be holy and without blame before the Lord "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:" (Ephesians 1:4)
- 2. We are adopted sons who will receive our inheritance

"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will," (Ephesians 1:5)

3. We are accepted in Christ

"To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." (Ephesians 1:6)

- 4. We are redeemed and forgiven
  "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the
  forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"
  (Ephesians 1:7)
- 5. We receive abounding wisdom
  "Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;" (Ephesians 1:8)
- 6. We are given purpose in God's will

  "Having made known unto us the mystery of his will,
  according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in
  himself:" (Ephesians 1:9)
- 7. We will all be together in Heaven
  "That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might
  gather together in one all things in Christ, both which
  are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:"
  (Ephesians 1:10)
- 8. We are sealed with the Holy Spirit until we receive our full inheritance

"That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory." (Ephesians 1:12-14)

# 2. WE KNOW WE ARE

"For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day."
(2 Timothy 1:12)

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WORK TOGETHER

**Quote:** "Sovereignty is God's control over His creation, dealing with His governance over it: Sovereignty is God's rule over all reality."

#### -Norman Geisler

"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all." (1 Chronicles 29:11)

#### FOR GOOD

**Quote:** "To the child of God, there is no such thing as an accident... Accidents may indeed appear to befall him and misfortune stalk his way; but these evils will be so in appearance only and will seem evils only because we cannot read the secret script of God's hidden providence."—**A. W. Tozer** 

C. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ People (v. 28)

## TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD

"We love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19)

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38–39)

## TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED

D. A \_\_\_\_\_\_ Purpose (v. 28)

### A PURPOSE FOR LIVING

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:" (Philippians 1:6)

**Quote:** "God is too good to be unkind and He is too wise to be mistaken. And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart."

## -Charles Spurgeon

"Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: 9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: 10 But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold." (Job 23:8–10)

#### A PROCESS OF COMPLETION

## **3 WAYS WE ARE CONFORMED**

- 1. By His Word

  Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth.

  (John 17:17)
- 2. By Our Prayers

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:9-10)

3. Through Our TrialsQuote: "A sick bed often teaches more than a sermon."—Thomas Watson

CONCLUSION								



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