

WE SHOULD BE THANKFUL FOR ...

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I Peter 1:3-21

I. What we are _____. (v. 3-5)

A. We are promised _____.

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II. What we are _____. (v. 6-9)

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III. What we _____. (v. 10-21)

A. A time of salvation that will lead to _____.

1. Past – "I have been saved." _____ (v. 10-12)

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B. A time of service that led to _____.

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Hebrews 6:10-12a

C. A time of searching that led to _____.
(Eph. 1:4; 3:10; I Thess. 4:7; II Tim. 1:9; Hebrews 12:14; I Peter 1:15-16)

"We have been made a spectacle to the angels." I Corinthians 4:9

D. A time of surrender that led to _____.

1. To remember God's plan involves thanks and giving.

- Thanksgiving is a good time to review.
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"Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give Him what you've promised." Psalm 50:14

"Celebrate ... by giving an offering in proportion to the blessing the Lord has given you." Deuteronomy 16:10

2. To remember what He did for you.

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ACTION POINTS:

1.) The basis for a real Biblical Thanksgiving is _____

2.) Do you have an attitude of _____?

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2. Present – “I am being saved.” Sanctification (v. 6-9)

3. Future – “I will be saved.” Glorification (v. 3-5)

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ACTION POINTS:

1.) The basis for a real Biblical Thanksgiving is knowing Jesus personally

2.) Do you have an attitude of gratitude?

3.) How often do you sit in the thanksgiving chair?