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SERMON STUDY & DISCUSSION OUTLINE

11.28.2021 – Living a Life of Gratitude

God calls His people to be thankful. God calls us to live a life of constant gratitude. However, this is not second nature to us. Psalm 118 teaches us what it means to feel, think, and live with constant gratitude. Obviously not just when the Thanksgiving holiday comes along but every day of our lives and in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in.

Giving thanks is all of us (verses 1-4)

- *Why does God deserve our gratitude?*
- *What has God done in Biblical times that continues on to this day, in our individual lives today?*
- *Do you experience God's faithful love in your life?*

Crying to the Lord (5-9)

- *When was the last time you literally cried to God for help?*
- *Did God hear your cries? What did He do for you?*
- *Would you have rather done another thing or way other than crying to God?*

The LORD protects and gives victory (10-12)

- *Note that the phrase 'with the authority of the Lord' is repeated 3x in these verses. Why?*
- *You may not be in the midst of war as these passages were written contextually.*
- *Do you think these passages tell you to believe in God's promise to protect and give victory?*

Rejoice! Be confident! Go and tell what God has done! (14-21)

- *God wants us to live with peace and confidence.*
- *Today's world offers and attracts us to a lot of feel-good stuff.*
- *What does God offer that will bring you sure confidence than what the world gives?*

The Cornerstone saves. Why a life of gratitude is possible. (22-25)

- *Jesus Christ has many titles and names. What does Cornerstone signify?*
- *If Jesus is your life's Cornerstone, what would that mean?*
- *Any building's cornerstone can be destroyed. How about Jesus the Cornerstone?*

Confess and give thanks (26-29)

- *Confess here is to declare with confidence!*
- *"You are my God" said from the heart with deep conviction.*
- *If this is what you yourself would confess, you can surely also say "Thank you Lord Jesus. Always."*
- *Throughout your life.*