# **BE THANKFUL**

Colossians 3:14-15

#### **INTRO:**

- A. Though many seem ungrateful, we teach our children to say "thank you" for things.
- B. We learn this from God who tells us to be thankful.

#### I. GOD SAYS:

- A. Be thankful. Colossians 3:15; 4:2
- B. Don't be anxious..be thankful. Philippians 4:6-7
- C. In everything give thanks. I Thessalonians 5:16-18
- D. Offer the fruit of our lips. Hebrews 13:15

### II. GOD'S MATERIAL CARE

- A. He thinks about us. Psalm 37:25; 40:17
- B. Both sunshine & rain. Matthew 5:43-48
- C. Care like the birds. Matthew 6:25-26, 31-33
- D. Our hairs are numbered. Matthew 10:28-31
- E. Every good gift. James 1:17

## III. AND EVEN MORE LOVE!

- A. All spiritual blessings. Ephesians 1:3
- B. While we were sinners. Romans 5:6-8
  - 1. To make us His children. I John 3:1-2
- C. Help in temptation. I Corinthians 10:13
- D. He hears our prayers. I Peter 3:12
- E. And hope as our anchor. Hebrews 6:13-10

### **CONCLUSION:**

- A. God teaches us to be thankful for His many gifts, both material and spiritual.
- B. How can we not be thankful when we realize how He cares about us and our eternal welfare.
- C. Have you counted your blessings lately? Have you given Him the thanks and glory?
- D. Why not start now by obeying Jesus to be saved?