

I AM THANKFUL FOR MY LOVED ONES BECAUSE...

3. THEY _____ & _____ ME

Colossians 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you **teach and admonish one another** with all wisdom..."

"Admonish" sounds negative but the Greek word (#3560, Noutheteo) means _____

Mentoring is a combination of teaching and admonishing.

- Barnabas mentored Paul. (Acts 9:26-28)
- Paul mentored Timothy, his spiritual son. (2 Timothy 1:6-7)
- Timothy mentored leaders in the church. (2 Timothy 2:1-2)

4. THEY _____ ME TO _____

Colossians 3:15b - 16 "**And be thankful.** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and **as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.**"

Ephesians 5:19-29 "**Speak to one another** with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything..."

When we are in corporate worship, we not only give thanks to God, but we are also _____



"THANKFUL FOR MY LOVED ONES!"

THEME SCRIPTURE: 1 THESS. 5:16-18

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Ephesians 5:19-20

"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Colossians 3:12-17

"12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

WHO ARE MY LOVED ONES?

In this series, we want to learn how to move from a life of _____ gratitude to a life of _____ gratitude.

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The Church is _____.

Ephesians 2:19 "You are a member of God's very own **family** and you belong in God's **household** with every other Christian."

This verse doesn't say the Church is _____ a family but rather that the Church _____ a family!

Every person is not born into a _____ necessarily. But every Christian is _____ into a CHURCH FAMILY.

Psalm 68:6 (NIV) "**God sets the lonely in families**, he leads forth the prisoners with singing..."

WHO ARE MY LOVED ONES?

My "Loved Ones" also include those who are in my _____.

God has adopted me into His household at salvation and now I enjoy these loving relationships which will last eternally.

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1. THEY _____ ME!

Colossians 1:12-14 "**Giving thanks to the Father**, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

We are members of God's family, the Church, and we are also citizens of the Kingdom of _____.

Colossians 3:12-14 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues **put on love**, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

How do we "put on" love?

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2. THEY _____ ME

Colossians 3:12-13 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved... **Bear with each other**..."

"BEAR" (#430 Anechomai) is two combined words, "up" and "to hold". The Greek word means: _____