

Living in Faith – part 9
FAITH TO BE GRATEFUL

Reasons To Be GRATEFUL

1. God's love

"See how very much our heavenly Father loves us, for he allows us to be called his children—think of it—and we really are!" 1 John 3:1

"God's loyal love couldn't have run out, his merciful love couldn't have dried up. They're created new every morning. How great your faithfulness!" Lam. 3:22-23 (Mes)

2. God's forgiveness

"When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate wiped clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's Cross." Col. 2:13-14 (Mes)

3. God never gives up on me

"If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful to us and will help us, . . . and he will always carry out his promises to us." 2 Tim. 2:13 (GN) (LB)

4. God's grace which is sufficient for my every need

"Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But He said, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" 2 Cor. 12:7-9 (NIV)

5. God's patience

The Lord is not slow in doing what he promised—the way some people understand slowness. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost, but he wants all people to change their hearts and lives. 2 Pet. 3:9 (NCV)

6. God's care

"God heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds." Ps. 147:3 (NCV)

7. God the Holy Spirit prays for us

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express." Rom. 8:26 (NIV)

Practicing Being Grateful

Being grateful in faith means giving thanks to God *always* regardless of your circumstances

"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18

"Even though the fig trees are all destroyed, and there is neither blossom left nor fruit; though the olive crops all fail, and the fields lie barren; even if the flocks die in the fields and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will be happy in the God of my salvation" Hab. 3:17-18 (LB)

“Though He slay me, I will hope in Him.” Job 13:15 (NAS)