

October 13th, 2013

GOING DEEPER

A HAPPY THANKSGIVING MESSAGE – GRACE, GRATITUDE, AND GLORY

- Read II Corinthians 4. Try to identify at least 6 defining marks of Paul's ministry. How was Paul's ministry for the Corinthians' sake and for Christ's sake?

- Why is it so important that gratitude be both an action and a feeling? Which insight does II Corinthians 1:24 provide in our understanding of the feeling of gratitude? What practical lessons do we see in Deuteronomy 26:1-10 regarding expressions of gratitude?

- Consider Psalm 50:23 and the link between grace – gratitude – and glory in II Corinthians 4:15. Reflect deeply on the meanings of grace, gratitude, and glory. Read Romans 11:33-36 and acknowledge the scope of the glory that belongs to God.

- Jesus Christ is the giver of grace, the focus of our gratitude, and the full expression of God's glory. Thank God for the incredible sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Meditate on II Corinthians 8:9. Praise God as you say of Jesus – "He is my Saviour, my Friend, my Lover, and my Lord."
