## **♦**SERMON NOTES **♦**

Sunday, November 14, 2010

# "THANKFUL BECAUSE GOD IS..."

(Psalm 100)

This is a season of Thanksgiving. We are thankful for God's blessings to us as a church. We have things to be thankful to God for in our individual lives as well. Today we see key elements of the nature of God, common to us all, that should call forth thankful hearts.

Thankful for Who God is:
1. God is
2. God is
3. God is
4. God is
5. God is
Thankful for What God has Done for us:
1. God has
2. God is
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"It is good to give thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 92:1, NKJV).

"Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, NLT).

#### Thankful for Who God is:

### 1. God is God.

# 2. God is Good.

"God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31, NIV).

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28, NIV).

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows" (James 1:17, NIV).

#### 3. God is **Everlasting**.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End" (Revelation 21:6, NIV).

#### 4. God is Love.

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you" (1 Peter 5:7, NLT).

"We know that we live in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. We love because he first loved us" (1 John 4:13-19, NIV).

# 5. God is Forever Faithful.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8, NIV).

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made" (Psalm 145:13, NIV).

## Thankful for what God has done for us:

#### 1. God has made us.

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be" (Psalm 139:13-16, NIV).

"I in them, and you in me, all being perfected into one - so that the world will know you sent me and will understand that you love them as much as you love me" (John 17:23, NIV).

### 2. God is our Ruler.

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:9-11, NIV).

## 3. God is our Provider.

"My God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19, NIV).

### 4. God has saved us.

"When you come to worship me, who asked you to parade through my courts with all your ceremony?" (Isaiah 1:12, NIV).

"Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27, NIV).

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, NIV). Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6, NIV).