

Minute Messages: Ten Reasons for Christians to be Thankful

#1 – God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16).

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#2 – Nothing can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:35-39 – ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶Just as it is written, “For Your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#3 – We have received the gospel of Christ, which is God’s power for salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

#4 – Through Jesus, God has rescued us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of Christ.

Colossians 1:13 – For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son...

#5 – In Jesus, we have redemption and the forgiveness of our sins.

Colossians 1:14 – ...in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

#6 – In Jesus, we have fellowship with the Father and the Son.

1 John 1:1-3 –¹ What was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life – ²and the life was manifested, and we have seen and testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was manifested to us – ³what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

#7 – In Jesus, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:5-7 – ⁵This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship

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with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; ⁷but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

#8 – We are members of Christ's body, which is the church.

1 Corinthians 12:27 – Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it.

Ephesians 1:22-23 – ²²And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

#9 – Through Jesus, we have bold access to the throne of grace so that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 – Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

#10 – Jesus is coming again to raise the dead and take us to be with Him forever.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 – ¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.