

Text: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Topic: Thankfulness. Salvation.  
Study: First Corinthians  
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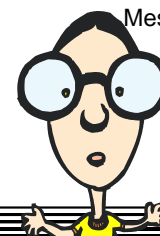
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# Consumer Christianity

## The Thankful Focus of a Healthy Church

part 2



*Always remember to be thankful for...*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.23-26)

*Always remember to be thankful for...*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.23-24)

*Always remember to be thankful for...*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.25-26)

*1 Cor. 11:23-26*

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup> For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (NIV)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. Describe an encounter with ingratitude?
2. What is the difference between being truly thankful and simply trying to remember to say thanks?

What are some ways to deepen a sincere gratitude for the things presented in this week's sermon?

3. How do you think being grateful and habitually expressing thankfulness would change your life?
4. List seven specific things for which we can be thankful based on the three points of this week's sermon.

Come up with a way to remember and to express gratitude for each of those truths, one per day, for the next seven days. Make sure it is a method which will bring your focus back to that truth multiple times a day.

5. How do you think this exercise in thanksgiving will change the way you treat your brothers and sisters in Christ?

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Hos. 5-6 & 2Pt. 2*

**Monday**

*Hos. 7-8 & 2Pt. 3*

**Tuesday**

*Hos. 9-10 & 1Jn. 1*

**Wednesday**

*Hos. 11-12 & 1Jn. 2*

**Thursday**

*Hos. 13-14 & 1Jn. 3*

**Friday**

*Joel & 1Jn. 4*

**Saturday**

*Amos 1-2 & 1Jn. 5*

*Here are some resources which may help you understand and implement the truths presented in this week's sermon.*

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