

HOW CAN I SAY THANKS?

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Jeff Schreve

Is your heart filled with thanksgiving and awe for the Savior?

1. Thanksgiving comes when you remember who you were.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service; ¹³even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor.

1 Timothy 1:12-13

A. The best of humanity is a desperately wicked sinner.

B. The best of humanity is rightly deserving of hell.

2. Thanksgiving comes when you remember who He is.

Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen. 1 Timothy 1:17

A. He is the King and the Creator.

Christ is exactly like God, who cannot be seen. He is the first-born Son, superior to all creation. ¹⁶Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him. ¹⁷God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together. Colossians 1:15-17 CEV

B. He is the Holy God of the Universe.

In the year of King Uzziah's death, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple. ²Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called out to another and said, "Holy, Holy, Holy, is the LORD of hosts, The whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah 6:1-3

3. Thanksgiving comes when you remember what He did.

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all. 1 Timothy 1:15

A. He became a man.

*Since all of these sons and daughters have flesh and blood,
Jesus took on flesh and blood to be like them. Hebrews 2:14 GW*

Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Philippians 2:5-7

B. He paid the ultimate price to save undeserving sinners.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

When you remember, you live in gratitude and awe.