

# Gratitude in the Life of Paul

## Gratitude for the Goodness of God

- I. Gratitude for the Comfort of God (2 Corinthians 1:3-6)
  - A. Paul honored God as the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.
  - B. He was thankful that God comforts His children in all of their sufferings.
  - C. The word for 'comfort' refers to "a calling near" – for encouragement, consolation, comfort, or solace.
  - D. God comforts with an everlasting comfort through His Word (2 Thes. 2:16; Rom. 15:4).
  - E. He comforts in times of repentance (2 Cor. 7:9-10).
  - F. He comforts in times of infirmity (2 Cor. 12:7-10).
  - G. We should give thanks for the comfort of God.
  
- II. Gratitude for the Grace of God (Ephesians 1:3-7)
  - A. God blesses according to the riches of His grace.
  - B. The grace of God offered His Son (Romans 7:25; 16:25-27).
  - C. The grace of God provided the church (Eph. 3:10-11, 14-21).
  - D. The grace of God grants our blessings (1 Tim. 4:3-5; Acts 27:35).
  - E. The grace of God gives salvation through obedience (Romans 6:17).
  - F. The grace of God secures victory over sin (2 Cor. 2:14-16).
  - G. We must give thanks for the grace of God.