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As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord, ¹¹ and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt?” ¹² Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’” **Exodus 14:10-12 (NLT)**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: “I will sing to the Lord, because he is worthy of great honor. He has thrown the horse and its rider into the sea. ² The Lord gives me strength and makes me sing; he has saved me. He is my God, and I will praise him. He is the God of my ancestors, and I will honor him. **Exodus 15:1-2 (NCV)**

Gratitude Is A Mark Of _____ & _____.

So come on, let's leave the preschool fingerprinting exercises on Christ and get on with the grand work of art. Grow up in Christ... **Hebrews 6:1a (MSG)**

Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then...you will overflow with thankfulness. **Colossians 2:7 (NLT)**

I Can Grow ____ When I Grow _____ Into Christ.

...May love be the rich soil where their lives take root. May it be the bedrock where their lives are founded so that together ¹⁸⁻¹⁹ with all of Your people they will have the power to understand that the love of the Anointed is infinitely long, wide, high, and deep, surpassing everything anyone previously experienced. God, may Your fullness flood through their entire beings. **Ephesians 3:17b-19 (VOICE)**

WE CAN GROW & BE UNITED IN OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD...

1. BECAUSE OF _____.

The Lord is great. He is worthy of our praise. No one can understand how great He is. **Psalm 145:3 (ICB)**

...Give thanks to Him as you remember how holy He is. **Psalm 97:12b (GW)**

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love... **Psalm 107:8a (NIV)**

I will thank the Lord because he is just...**Psalm 7:17a (NLT)**...because he is good.

Psalm 106:1 (NIRV)

Tell the Lord how thankful you are, because he is kind and always merciful. **Psalm 118:1 (CEV)**

2. BECAUSE OF _____.

God, I will thank you forever for what you have done. **Psalm 52:9a (NCV)**

Let all things praise the name of the Lord, because they were created at his command.

Psalm 148:5 (CEV)

...I will praise you; I will rejoice because you saved me. **Psalm 9:14b (NCV)**

I praise the Lord for answering my prayers... **Psalm 118:21 (CEV)**

I praise the Lord, because he guides me... **Psalm 16:7a (GNT)**

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He

canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross. **Colossians 2:13-14 (NLT)**

3. BECAUSE OF _____.

I will praise you...because you are faithful to your promises... **Psalm 71:22a (NLT)**

Jesus said...“I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die...” **John 11:25 (NLT)**

He will always give you all you need from day to day if you will make the Kingdom of God your primary concern. **Luke 12:31 (TLB)**

I will never leave you; I will never abandon you. **Hebrews 13:5b (GNT)**

WE CAN GROW & BE UNITED IN OUR THANKSGIVING TO GOD...

1. BY _____ TO HIM & EACH OTHER _____.

Sing out your thanks to him; sing praises to our God... **Psalm 147:7 (TLB)**

...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 5:19-20 (NIV)**

2. BY _____ TO HIM _____.

Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. **Colossians 4:2 (MSG)**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers. **Philippians 4:6 (TLB)**

3. BY _____ THE LORD'S _____ SERIOUSLY.

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? **1 Corinthians 10:16 (NIV)**

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ 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.” ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes. ²⁷ So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. **1 Corinthians 11:23b-28 (NIV)**

4. BY _____ ABOUT HIM.

Thank the Lord! Praise his name! Tell the world about his wondrous love. How mighty he is!

Isaiah 12:4 (TLB)

5. BY _____ TO HIM.

Give an offering to show thanks to God. Give God...what you have promised.

Psalm 50:14 (NCV)

...celebrate the Harvest Festival, to honor the Lord your God, by bringing him a freewill offering in proportion to the blessing He has given you. Deuteronomy 16:10 (GNT)

...your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

6. BY _____ HIM _____.

...Let us please God by serving him with thankful hearts... Hebrews 12:28 (TLB)

7. BY _____ TO PLEASE HIM.

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God...