

## ***The Gospel vs. Ingratitude***

**Ingratitude** – forgetfulness of or poor return for kindness received: ungratefulness

“DO I HAVE A COMPLAINING OR CRITICAL SPIRIT?”

“AM I A PART OF, OR DO I CONTRIBUTE TO, A COMPLAINING CULTURE—WHETHER AT HOME, AT CHURCH, OR AT WORK?”

### **THE “THIEVES OF THANKFULNESS” AND THE FRUITS OF UNTHANKFULNESS**

- The woes, the worries, the weird places of our hearts...
- the discontentment, the restlessness, the bickering, the depressions, the anxieties, the anger, the complaining...
- the envying, the coveting, the striving (selfish ambition) ....
- The lack of love shown to others, the lack of love shown to the things of God—Bible reading, church (attendance), church leadership and pastors, Christian service...

**INGRATITUDE IS A SIN, ACCORDING TO ROMANS 1:21, IT’S THE “MOTHER OF ALL SINS”,** INGRATITUDE BLOCKS BLESSINGS AND CLOGS THE HEART (Prov. 17:22)

ALL OF THESE ABOVE HEART CONDITIONS ARE THE **OPPOSITE** OF “UNSPEAKABLE JOY” (I PETER 1:8) AND “ABUNDANT LIFE” (JOHN 10:-:10) AND “THE OVERFLOWING CUP” THE GOSPEL PROMISES.

WHY?... BECAUSE GOD IS **ONLY** GOOD (JAMES 1:17), AND HE IS **ONLY** GOOD TO US, HIS COVENANT PEOPLE (PSALM 84:11).

**THE CHURCH:** A PLACE OF THANKFULNESS (PSALM 100:4)

**HEAVEN:** A PLACE OF THANKSGIVING (REVELATION 4:9)

**HOME:** A PLACE OF THANKSGIVING (EPHESIANS (EPHESIANS 5:20-33)

**WORK:** A PLACE OF THANKSGIVING (COLOSSIANS 3:17)

### **THE GOSPEL: THE FULL EMBODIMENT OF PSALM 16:6**

- Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift (The Gospel) (II Corinthians 9:15)
- Romans 7:25 - Thanks be unto God for His work of Sanctifying us
- Philippians 4:6 - Thanks be unto God for His answering our prayers before we even get the answered
- I THESS. 5:18 - IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS, FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU.

