



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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A REAL BENEFIT PACKAGE

People will often change jobs for better benefits. More paid health insurance coverage is a major benefit people seek. A liberal retirement plan with earlier investment is also a premium job seekers consider.

For a moment, let's consider a different source of benefits from someone who loves you very dearly. It is your heavenly Father. Sometimes we don't realize His benefits because we don't think about them very much. How wrong we are!

God's benefits are detailed for us in **Psalm 103**. The Psalm begins by telling us we should not forget any of His benefits, and then it lists them.

In **Psalms 103:1-5**, the writer tells us God pardons our iniquities, heals our (spiritual) diseases, redeems our life from the pit, crowns us with lovingkindness and compassion, and renews our lives satisfying us with good things.

He continues in **verses 6-18** by recounting some additional things God has done for us. God has made His ways known (verse seven). The Lord has not left us in the dark, but has given us the light of His word (**Psalm 119:105, 130**). Our God is compassionate (verse eight), slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. "*He has not dealt with us according to our sins,*" the Psalmist writes in **verse 10**. He doesn't automatically impose the penalty of death even though we transgress His word. Instead, He is like a father to us (**verse 13-18**) because He knows we are made of dust.

When we remember all these benefits, we should be motivated by love to honor and obey God's word. He is king (**verses 19-20**). We should serve and praise Him every day we live (**verses 21-22**).

John Henson

DOES YOUR THANKFULNESS AFFECT OTHERS?

“He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked Him – and he was a Samaritan” (Luke 17:16).

While cleaning out her locker at the end of sixth grade, one of my daughters hung a thank you note to the custodians, who were so impressed with this that we received a letter from the school commending her. Just the other night over dinner another daughter said that she saw the thank you note, now years later, displayed in a janitor’s closet. Perhaps common courtesy isn’t all that common. That’s what Jesus encountered anyway when after He had healed ten lepers of their physically and socially debilitating disease, only one returned to thank Him – and one who was not of God’s people. This is another issue for us today. How often it is when those outside of Christ act more Christ-like than those who’ve committed to become like Him with their baptism! Members of Christ’s body should be shining the light of thankfulness through the murky world of self-absorbed people who take the kindness and service of others for granted. But do we? It begins with realizing what Jesus has done for us and throwing ourselves at His feet.

Does your thankfulness affect others?

Doug Kashorek

LIFE IS A GIFT

Today before you say an unkind word –

Think of someone who can’t speak.

Before you complain about the taste of your food –

Think of someone who has nothing to eat.

Before you complain about your husband or wife –

Think of someone who’s crying out to God for a companion.

Today before you complain about life –

Think of someone who went too early to heaven.

Before whining about the distance you drive –

Think of someone who walks the same distance.

And when you are tired and complain about your job –

Think of the unemployed, the disabled, and those who wish they had your job.

And when depressing thoughts seem to get you down –

Put a smile on your face and remember that you’re alive and still around.

Always foster an attitude of gratitude; it will change your life.

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