

## **Gratitude: The Scenic Overlook**

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**Text:** *Colossians 2:6-7, NIV*

### **A Warning About Gratitude**

- A \_\_\_\_\_ of gratitude.
- The warning against \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Place of Gratitude in Christian Living**

- Gratitude prevents \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- Gratitude is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- As we discipline ourselves to be thankful, our character is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Gratitude is Central to a Healthy Church**

- Gratitude is a barometer of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Healthy churches live from a \_\_\_\_\_.
- Gratitude \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- What is your favorite bible verse on thanksgiving? Why is it your favorite?
- How might looking at a difficult situation through gratitude help you see things from a different perspective?
- What are some of the results of neglecting gratitude? Why is it so dangerous for us to fail to give thanks to God?
- Give several examples of everyday transactional relationships. Why is it unhealthy to have a transactional relationship with God?
- How do you feel about gratitude being a “spiritual discipline?” How can you strengthen gratitude through discipline?
- In the church, why is it important for us to “overflow with thanksgiving?” How might gratitude change the atmosphere of a church?
- How might thanksgiving defuse conflict? How can you imagine utilizing gratitude in relationships?
- Why do you think gratitude is a good metric of personal and church spiritual health? How does gratitude act as a barometer of spiritual maturity?