
Be that 'One'
Cultivating a heart of praise & thanksgiving to God for Jesus
Know the real Jesus
Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying: 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.' ¹⁴When He saw them He said to them: 'Go and show yourselves to the priests'. And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered: 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹And He said to him: 'Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.'

To **cultivate** hearts of praise and thankfulness to God for Jesus – we will have to:

1. Reflect on ways He's personally been **merciful** to us.

*"Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown **mercy** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The **grace** of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners - of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown **mercy** so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display His immense patience as an example for those who would believe in Him and receive eternal life."* **1 Timothy 1:13-16**

2. Take inventory of the unholy things He has **cleansed**.

*"But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place, but rather **thanksgiving**."* **Ephesians 5:3-4**

"For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son..."
Romans 8:29

3. Remember the despair of lostness versus the gift of **hope** (a pardon/reconciliation/a new life) in Jesus.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His **great mercy** He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."* **1 Peter 1:3**