

# Our Gratitude

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**Psalms 116:12** *“What shall I render to the LORD For all His benefits toward me?”*

The benefits of God are likened to a cup overflowing with salvation. It is common to refer to human experiences as either joyful or sorrowful, compared to a cup we drink from. The cup of our life overflows with instances of God’s saving help. How can we thank Him enough? What can we give Him for His gracious help?

For starters, one should take from God as the best way to give to God, as God loves to give. James says: “...**who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**” **James 1:5** What could possibly bring more joy to Him than our trust and willingness to receive His gifts, and acknowledgment of our indebtedness to Him? Though we may owe Him an overwhelming amount, we still receive and receive from His boundless heart of love.

**John 3:16** “God so loved the world that He gave...” Rejecting God’s greatest gift is the ultimate dishonor. Test all friendships, plans, profits, amusements, and studies with the Name of the Lord as the ultimate Benchmark.

Give yourself as a gift when showing gratitude. The love of Christ frees us from our bonds and compels us to live for Him, not ourselves. Freed from the chains of sin, we become bound to the labor of love.

At His service,  
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