

"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."

Psalm 107:1



How full of thanksgiving are you?



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The Thanksgiving Glass



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What is Thanksgiving?

- Thanksgiving is not about feeling thankful. It's about giving thanks.
- Thanksgiving is not an emotion. It's an action.
- Thanksgiving has an object, ie. a person, to whom we give thanks.
- For Christians, Thanksgiving is first about thanking God — a vertical action. Then, we also thank others — a horizontal action. First, we lift our eyes and look to God, and thank Him. Then, we look out to others and thank them.
- For non-Christians, Thanksgiving is totally horizontal and totally worldly, without the lifting of eyes to the one who has given them life and everything in this world.



Thanksgiving is Reasonable Service to God



- Thanksgiving is a command of God. 2 Corinthians 9:11; Philippians 4:6; Colossians 2:7.
- Thanksgiving is evidence of spiritual gratitude. Romans 6:17-18
- Thanksgiving is delightful. Psalm 33:1; 147:1
- Thanksgiving is acceptable to God, and it honors him. Psalm 50:23; 2 Corinthians 4:15.

Rev 11:16-17 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.



How We Give Thanks to God

- Thanksgiving must be with **reverence**. Psalm 91:1-2; 95:1-3.
- Thanksgiving must be **whole-hearted**. Psalm 71:8; 138:1, 2.
- Thanksgiving must be with **humility** — James 4:10, 1 Peter 5:6
- Thanksgiving is **practical** — Colossians 3:17
- Thanksgiving is a **choice** — 1 Thessalonians 5:18
- Thanksgiving has a **voice** — Luke 6:45 ...of the abundance of the heart [man's] mouth speaks.



Give Thanks to God for:

- *Converting you.* 1 Peter 1:3-5
- *Enlightening and quickening you.* Ephesians 2:1.
- *Pardoning and justifying you.* Romans 5:1, 6
- *Adopting you.* 2 Corinthians 6:18, Romans 8:15-18
- *Sanctifying you.* Psalm 4:3, 1 Corinthians 6:11
- *Growing you in grace.* Psalm 92:12, 2 Corinthians 9:8
- *Promising you perfection.* Philippians 1:6
- *Supplying grace every day to you.* 2 Corinthians 12:9, Philippians 4:19



Thanksgiving

Thank God for the gift of salvation and all its privileges.

1. Thank God for the Light in our world

John 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

2. Thank God for the mission of Jesus coming into this world and liberating us from the bondage of sin.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

3. Thank God for His love, given to us.

Romans 5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Offer praise to God for His commanding these two things. Both are a privilege and a gift.

1) the preaching of the Gospel: It is a privilege to share God's love and tell others of His saving grace. In doing so, we honor God and fulfill His command to help build His Kingdom here on earth.

2) the Lord's Supper: Intimate fellowship with God is a precious gift that comforts and encourages our hearts and strengthens our souls.



Thanksgiving

Psalm 7:17 ~ I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High.

Psalm 28:7 ~ The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Psalm 50:14-15 ~ “Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High, and call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

Psalm 69:30 ~ I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving

Psalm 95:1 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. {2} Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. {3} For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. {4} In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. {5} The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. {6} O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. {7} For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. To day if ye will hear his voice, {8} Harden not your heart, as in the provocation, and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness: {9} When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my work. {10} Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways: {11} Unto whom I swear in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.



How Can We Thank God?

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**SO LET ALL CREATION TESTIFY
LET THIS LIFE WITHIN ME CRY**



Reasons to Give Thanks from Paul's Letter to the Galatians (KJV)



1. Jesus rescued you. Gal 1:4
2. Jesus justified you. Gal 2:16
3. Jesus died for you. Gal 3:1
4. Jesus has given you His Spirit. Gal 3:5a
5. Jesus worked miracles among you. Gal 3:5b
6. Jesus was cursed for you. Gal 3:13
7. Jesus gave you His righteousness. Gal 3:27
8. Jesus redeemed you. Gal 4:4
9. Jesus adopted you. Gal 4:5
10. Jesus made you His heir. Gal 4:7
11. Jesus made you free. Gal 5:1
12. Jesus made you a new creature. Gal 6:15



Advent Starts this Sunday



Take time to reflect and remember the significance of this time. Let's prepare our hearts in the hope of Christmas, anchor our souls in the love of God, rejoice in the joy of our salvation, and rest our souls in the peace of the Lord. How do we do this?

By renewing our minds in the prophecies and promises of Jesus' first advent!

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Have you ever paused to consider what you might have felt, or said, if you had been present at the birth of Jesus?



Advent Hope

Prior to Jesus' first advent, God gave hope to His people through prophecy, by telling them of the blessings to come.

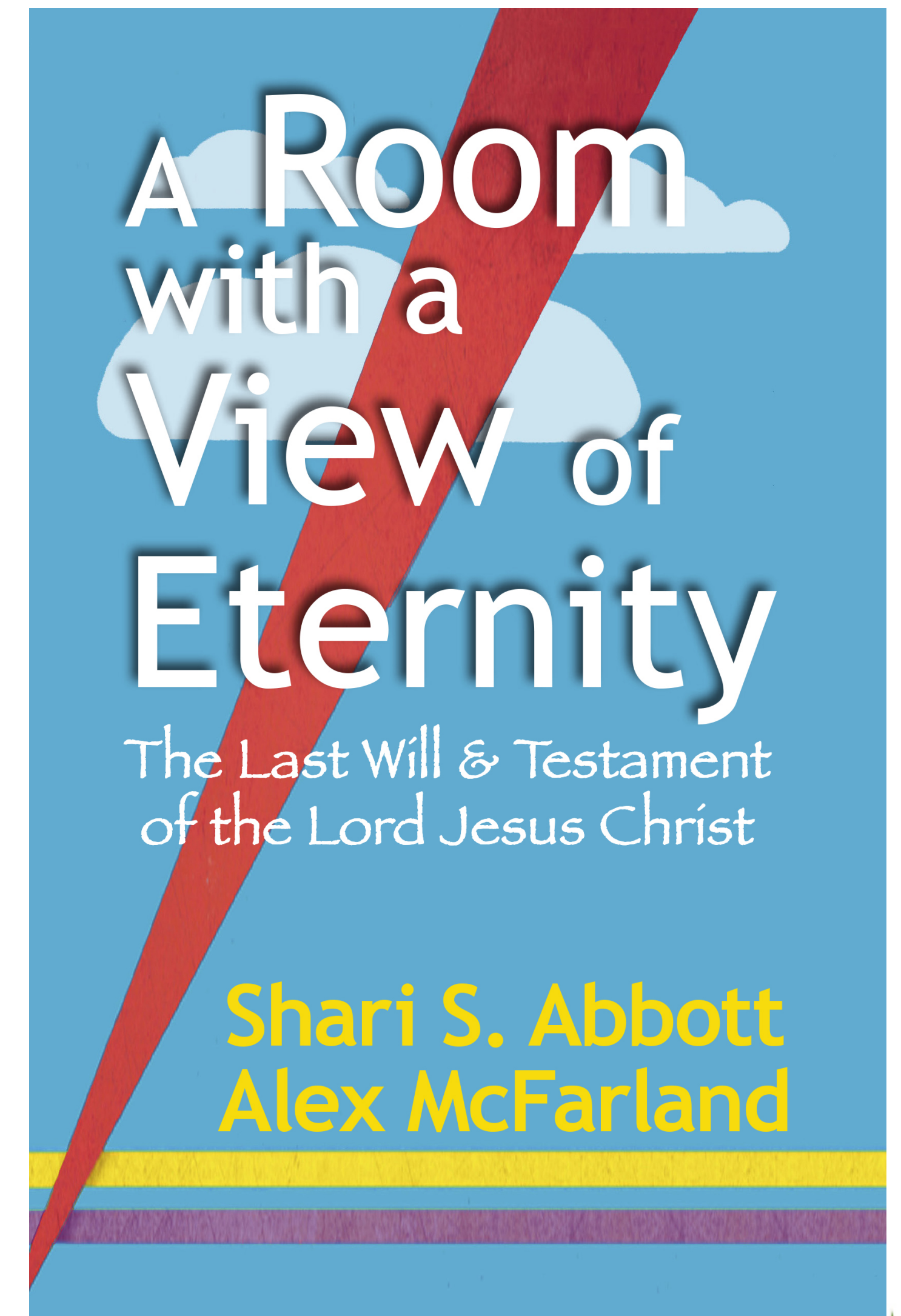
So also, Jesus gave hope to His disciples in the Upper Room by telling them of the precious gifts He would give them after His death.

In John 17, we read of Jesus bequeathing His life, words, joy, protection, glory, and love to all who will come to Him in faith.

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Room with a View of Eternity
the Last Will & Testament of the Lord Jesus Christ
by Shari Abbott and Alex McFarland

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