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Dear Friends at Immanuel Bible,

In our Staff Fellowship Bible study this week we were making observations in Colossians chapter three. One person at my table pointed out three places in a span of a few verses where Paul admonishes the believers to be thankful. Can you spot them? "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

These follow earlier references in his letter to thankfulness:

"We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you" (1:3)

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (1:12)

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." (2:7)

Plus, in the next chapter:

"Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving." (4:2)

Paul didn't wait for a day on the calendar to say it was OK to give thanks. Wow. I want to be that kind of person who "abounds" in thanksgiving. I thank God for you, and for your kindness to us this month. God has shown his grace through you. Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours for Christ-exalting camping,

Pat

Thank you!

"WHERE GOD HAS BLESSED"

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