

# GIVE THANKS FROM A GRATEFUL HEART

Gratitude is the inner feeling from blessing or benefit received

Thanks is the expression of that feeling

**Faith:** To live as a saved person under the New Covenant of grace is the greatest spiritual benefit.

**Family:** To live as a married man with a godly family is the greatest human benefit.

**Freedom:** To live as an American in the most blessed nation under the longest running Constitutional Republic is the greatest political benefit.

- There is a Creator Who created all men equal
- Inalienable rights come from God
- Government is to protect inalienable rights
- There is a fixed Moral law
- The consent of the governed
- Alter, abolish, or create a new government

When in the Course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which **the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God** entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that **all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights**, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — **That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men**, deriving their just powers from **the consent of the governed**, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, **it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government**, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes;