

“BUT I DON’T FEEL THANKFUL”

Ephesians 5:20



INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

There are four levels when it comes to thanksgiving

Constantly complaining

Simple ingratitude

Obvious gratefulness

Giving thanks always

I. THE DURATION OF THANKSGIVING

(Ephesians 5:20)

We are to praise and thank God every day of every year.

Psalm 68:19

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God loads us with blessings.

Lamentations 3:23

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Our prayers need to be mixed with thanksgiving.

Philippians 4:6

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Thanks should never cease because
blessings never cease

II. THE DIMENSIONS OF THANKSGIVING (Ephesians 5:19-20)

We must thank God for troubles and hardships.

1. Trouble may correct us.
2. Trouble may cause us to have a greater dependency upon God.

II. THE DIMENSIONS OF THANKSGIVING

(Ephesians 5:19-20)

3. Trouble may confirm our testimony.

4. Trouble will bring us to a deeper maturity
and more Christ-likeness.

5. Trouble will bring the excelling glory of God
into our lives.

III. THE DYNAMICS OF THANKSGIVING

(Ephesians 5:20)

We give thanks unto the Father.

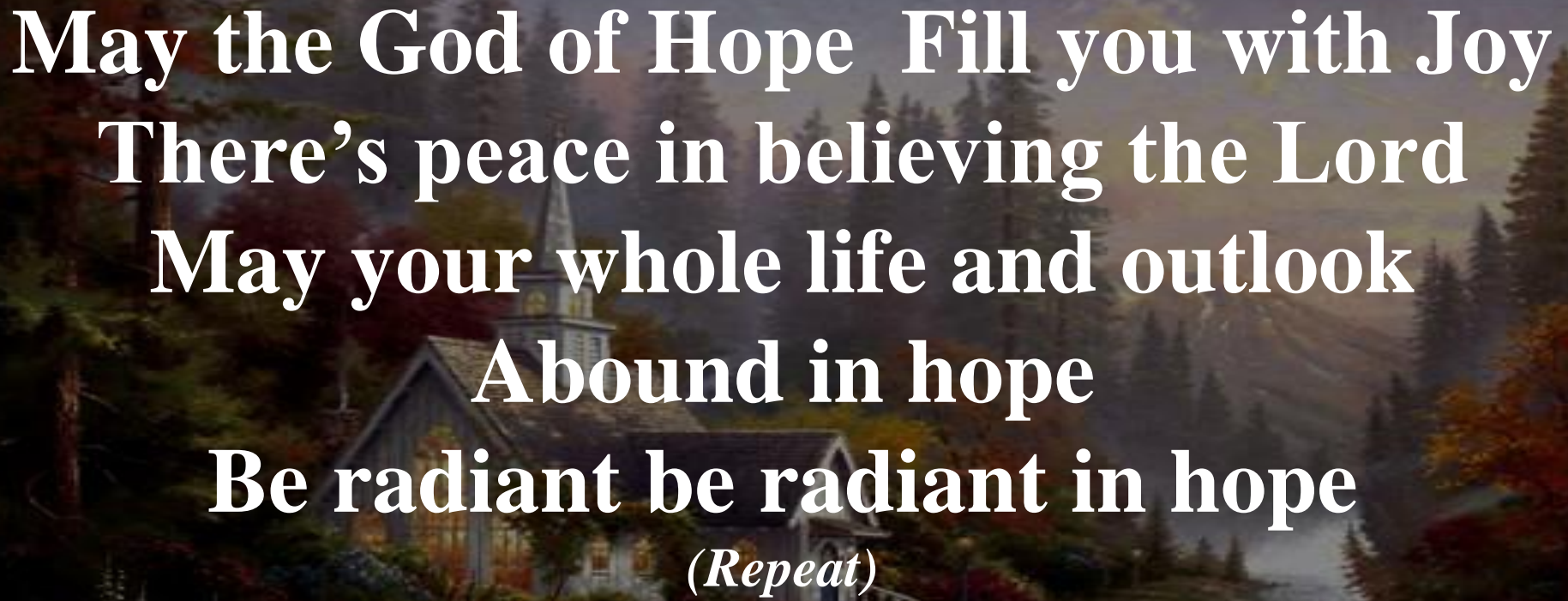
We give thanks through the Son.

CONCLUDING THOUGHT

The **duration** of thanksgiving is to give thanks always.

The **dimensions** of thanksgiving are all things.

The **dynamic** of thanksgiving is through the name of
Jesus.

A scenic landscape painting featuring a two-story house with a steeple, nestled in a lush forest. A stream flows through the foreground, surrounded by rocks and greenery. The scene is bathed in soft, natural light, creating a peaceful and serene atmosphere.

May the God of Hope Fill you with Joy
There's peace in believing the Lord
May your whole life and outlook
Abound in hope
Be radiant be radiant in hope
(Repeat)