

## Thanksgiving & Baptism

*1 Peter 1:3–5 & 1 Peter 3:18–22*

- I. Introduction
  - A. Read passage, pray
  - B. Thanksgiving and Baptism – How do they go together?
- II. Thanksgiving Blesses God for New Birth (1 Peter 1:3–5)
  - A. God “caused us to be born again to a living hope.”
  - B. Thanksgiving looks back at God’s past mercy.
  - C. Thanksgiving fuels faith and hope in future grace, grace culminating in an inheritance kept in heaven for us.
- III. Baptism Enacts Our Living Hope (1 Peter 3:18–22)
  - A. “Christ suffered once for sins... that he might bring us to God.”
  - B. Baptism is the liquid word:  
not magic water, but a pledge of faith resting on Christ’s resurrection.
  - C. Baptism publicly joins a believer to Jesus’ death and resurrection.
- IV. Thanksgiving and Baptism Together Declare the Gospel
  - A. Thanksgiving: *God has acted in Christ.*”
  - B. Baptism : *God applies that saving work to people today.*
  - C. Together they proclaim:  
“The God who raised Jesus gives new life, a new start, and a living hope.”

- V. Invitation to All Present nclusion:
  - A. For those hearing the Gospel for the first time:  
*This hope is for you.*
  - B. Christ died and rose to “bring us to God.”
  - C. Baptism is a sign that the way is open for all who trust in Him.