

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.