

The image features a central title 'Thanksgiving' in a large, dark brown, serif font. The text is set against a horizontal, textured brushstroke in shades of orange and red. The background is a soft-focus bokeh of warm yellow and green light, with several autumn leaves in various colors (yellow, orange, red, and purple) scattered around the edges, some appearing to float in the air.

Thanksgiving

Colossians 3:12-17







“you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority” (2:10)

“you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh . . .” (2:11)

“. . . buried with him in baptism . . . raised with him through faith” (2:12)

“you, who were dead . . . now you are made
alive . . . forgiven” (2:13)

“you have been raised with Christ” (3:1)

“you have put off the old self” (3:9)

“have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator” (3:10)

God has chosen us.

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We are a chosen race.

Our names are written in the Book of Life
from before the foundation of the world.

His loving gaze is on us, and he transferred us from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of his beloved Son.

We are his holy ones.

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We are dearly loved.

1. Thankfulness **defeats divisions**, conquers conflicts.

“And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.” (15)

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“and be thankful” (15c)

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“teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,

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“with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (16)

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Colossians 3:16a

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admonish = **caring caution** and corrective instruction, not harsh condemnation

- It looks like **singing**.

How can you admonish someone with a song?

How do you teach with a song?

- It looks like **thankfulness** in your heart
TO GOD.

3. Thankfulness characterizes the Christian life.

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“whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything . . .” (17a)

4. Thankfulness glorifies God.

We are the ones who have been shown grace,
and so **we are grateful.**