

## Christ's Church Will Succeed

Psalm 138:1-2

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**Summary:** "I will give thanks with all my heart." "It is good to give thanks to the Lord." As we come to the end of Thanksgiving week, we are reminded the Bible speaks of us as actively giving thanks. We give thanks that He has magnified His word according to His name.

1. A. Last week, we looked at "The Joy of Giving Thanks." We are reminded of the scriptures overwhelming emphasis on giving thanks with only one reference to "be thankful." Why are we called to "give thanks?"  
Psalm 30:1-4, 92:1-4, 107:1
- B. How does King David give thanks?  
Psalm 138:1-2, II Samuel 6:12-14
- C. Discuss how God has blessed you temporally and eternally, and then read Psalm 138:1-2 again. What has God done that causes David to worship and give thanks?  
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2. A. We sing, "O magnify the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised" and here we read, "For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name." Search for the phrase, "for His name's sake" in your Bible and record what you find.  
Psalm 23:3, 25:11, 31:3, 79:9, Isaiah 48:9-11
- B. Who is God's name sake?  
Acts 4:8-12
- C. What was Jesus' final command to his disciples?  
Acts 1:1-9
3. In our passage, at the end of verse 2, it says:  
"For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name." (NASB)  
"For You have exalted above all things Your name and Your word." (ESV)  
  
God is saying His word carries the weight of His name, of all that God is. How does this play out in the book of Acts?  
Acts 4:10-12, 17-20, 5:28-32, 42

The book of Acts is opened ended; the Acts of the Apostles continues on today in believers. The Romans Project, distributing audio libraries in the form of mp3 players with over 800 sermons, is actively going and "making disciples of all the nations." We are exhorted to be involved in this project through prayer and giving, that His word would be magnified according to His name.

- Pray for unity in the body of Christ, unity in the body in Africa.  
Romans 15:4-7
- Pray for the persecuted Church.  
Romans 5:1-5
- Pray for the 50/15 project in Nigeria; 50 thousand missionaries to be sent out over the next 15 years.  
Romans 15:19-21
- Pray for the true Gospel to go forth, not the false prosperity gospel that is prevalent on TV in Africa.  
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