



# *Graceful Thanksgiving*

Being graceful  
Doing a kind deed  
Prayer before a meal  
Being saved by the grace of God  
Greet visitors  
Thanksgiving Day

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What does grace have to do with Thanksgiving?

**ANSWER:** The Greek word – charis

“Charis” is used 156 times in our New Testament

Similar word – eucharis – 39 times



# *Charis in NT*

Charis is used 8 ways in the New Testament

**1 – Grace = Gift or favor undeserved or unearned**

Saved by grace –  
Ephesians 2:8-9 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.



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**Sing with grace**  
**Colossians 3:16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.



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1 – Grace

**2 – Give Thanks**

**Eucharis** = Good  
thanks, grateful heart

Did you ever wonder  
why we say grace  
before we eat a meal?  
Some refer to  
communion as the  
Eucharist



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**At Communion**

**Mark 14:23-24** 23 Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it. 24 And He said to them, "This is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many.



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1 – Grace

2 – Give Thanks

**3 – Greetings**

Among Jews – the common greeting was “Grace and peace”

36 times in our NT

28 times by Paul

6 times by Peter & John



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1 – Grace

Matthew 5:1-12

2 – Give Thanks

Beatitudes begin with  
“Blessed” (KJV)

3 – Greetings

**4 – Happy**

Christians should be  
filled with joy  
Be happy about your  
salvation



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**5 – Charm**

We use the word to describe a person with good manners, loveliness, delightful

A charming meal  
She is a charming lady  
She does it with such grace



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**6 – Kind**

We must learn to be kind in our speech

**Colossians 4:6** Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.



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**Charis is used 8 ways in the New Testament**

1 – Grace

This describes how God treats us

2 – Give Thanks

3 – Greetings

We receive the loving kindness of God

4 – Happy

5 – Charm

In OT – of God's watch, care and protection over His people

6 – Kind

**7 – Loving  
Kindness**



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7 – Loving Kindness

**8 – Reward**

Reward =

Recompense as  
payment for services

Benefits

Favors done



# *Graceful Thanksgiving*

Thursday is a day our nation sets aside as a national day of expressing gratitude for all the blessings, gifts, favors and kindness that God has shown toward us.

Enjoy the meal with family / friends

Watch some football games

**BUT don't forget to have a  
“Graceful Thanksgiving”**