

***"You are My God...  
...and I will give You thanks!"***

***Week 1***

***Bible Study***

**Central Verse:** “*You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.*” Psalm 118:28

**Target/Goal/Focus:** The objective of this study is to highlight and deepen appreciation for the truth that living a life of thanks to God flows from our confession of faith in Him.

1. Let's start here, with 1 Corinthians 12:3 and the beautiful and comforting truth it expresses – “*No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit.*” So, how is it that you and I can make the confession of Psalm 118: 28 that “*You are my God?*” What does Ephesians 2:8-9 add to this?
2. What are the blessings which are part and parcel of being able to confess, “*You are my God.*” List as many as you can, guided by but not limited to the following passages:
  - Romans 10:9
  - Romans 10:10
  - 2 Timothy 2:12
  - Acts 10:43
  - 1 Peter 1:8
  - Romans 15:13
3. True or False. How I live my life each day is shaped and directed by my confession, “*You are my God.*”
4. Did you hesitate in answering question #3? Someone has once posed this question: “If you were put on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?” As we study our confession of faith and what it means for daily living, there is another confession that we will daily need to make. What is that confession? What is God's response to such a confession? cf. 1 John 1:8-10.
5. What does James 2:12-17 have to say to us as we talk about living out our confession of faith in God?
6. “*You are my God.*” To make that confession is, as Paul writes in Romans 8, “*to have the Spirit of God living in you.*” What hope and strength and encouragement do Paul's words in Romans 8:9-11 give you as you seek to live out your confession in all aspects of your everyday life?
7. There are so many great examples of people changing by the grace of God and subsequently growing in living out their confession and faith in God. Take a look at Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. What do you see? Can you think of any other examples in the Bible?
8. Let's finish this study by going back to Psalm 118 and the first four verses. What phrase dominates vs. 1-4? How does this truth encourage and strengthen you in your confession, “*You are my God?*” How does this truth encourage and strengthen you to live out your confession more and more each day?