***Psalm 98:1-4 Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. 2The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. 3He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.***

Thanksgiving… I don’t spend nearly enough time giving thanks to God. The truth is – if I spent all my remaining days doing nothing but thanking God for His infinite goodness and marvelous gifts, I’d never be able to thank Him enough. James 1:17 says - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.* We can never praise enough, rejoice enough, thank Him enough for His gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

 In Psalm 98:1, we read *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.* Let’s sing to the Lord a new song of Thanksgiving, marvelous, wonderful, beautiful things He hath done. He’s marvelous, not just in the things that are seen, but in the things that are unseen. He’s marvelous not just in what we know, but what we don’t know. He’s marvelous not just in the things that happen, but the things that don’t happen. Most marvelous of all is the victory He gained when He stretched out His mighty right hand and vanquished death, gaining the victory through the Cross. In the Cross and in the Cross alone, we find Salvation and Righteousness.

 Verse 2 *The Lord has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.*Through Jesus Christ, God has made known His Salvation. Luke 2:11 - *For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.* Matthew 1:21 *And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.* Acts 4:12 *Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.* Christ came and offered Salvation through Faith in Him. If we do not believe, we are not saved. If we are not saved, we still bear our sin and have not righteousness. How do we know this? 2 Corinthians 5:21- *For He made Him who knew no sin*to be*sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.* Indeed, God has made known His Salvation, Jesus Christ, Who bore our sins, so we might stand Righteous in the sight of Almighty God. How can we ever be thankful enough for that?

Verse 3 *He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*When we accept Salvation and stand in Christ’s Righteousness, God sheds His Mercy and Grace, floods us with His Faithfulness. Psalm 68:19 says *Blessed be the Lord, Who daily loads us with benefits, The God of our salvation!* The God of our Salvation daily loads us with benefits! Think about that – let it sink in this morning. God DAILY loads us with benefits. And who is eligible for these benefits, this free Salvation? Everyone! Galatians 3:26-29 *For you are all sons of God through faith in* ***Christ Jesus.*** *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.* The promise of what – Salvation and Eternal Life. Can we ever be thankful enough that *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life*?

Verse 4 *Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.* We praise God, thanking Him, singing to Him, rejoicing in Him daily. Jude 1:25 *To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen.* Our Reverence of God is praise. Our obedience to God is praise. Our service for God is praise. Daily we submit, daily we rejoice, daily we praise, daily we are thankful.

In Luke 2, we read of Simeon, a devout man with the Holy Spirit upon Him. Verse 29-32, Simeon is led by the Spirit into the Temple and he says this to God, while holding the baby Jesus in his arms - *Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, A light to bring revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel.* Folks, it just doesn’t get any clearer than that. The Holy Spirit led Simeon to affirm what Psalm 98 is teaching about our Savior Jesus.

This week, let’s rejoice, sing, and praise God for His Salvation and Righteousness, Jesus Christ. Let’s forget the things of this world that won’t mean anything in a few years and focus on the Gospel that will mean everything eternally. Wake each morning with Lamentations 3:22-23 on our hearts - *Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.* He is Faithful to those that have received Righteousness and Salvation freely through Jesus Christ His Son, our Salvation. If you have not, you come and receive Him today. Let today be the day you are eternally grateful for.