

The Missing Thanksgiving

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Psalm 116.
- B. God's salvation is past, present and future.
- C. There are three things we can do to demonstrate our thankfulness to God.

II. Take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

- A. The cup of our sin must be judged. (Psalm 75:8)
- B. Jesus bore the cup of agony for us because of our sins so we can take the cup of salvation, which is reconciliation and life. (Matthew 26:39, Romans 5:10)
- C. The third cup is the cup of remembrance. (1 Corinthians 11:21-23)

III. Pay our vows.

- A. We must pay the vows that we have made. (Ecclesiastes 5)
- B. We pay our vows by yielding our whole selves. We must deal with the big "I." (Galatians 2:20)

IV. Offer to God the thanksgiving of the Lord

- A. We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices. (Romans 12:1)
- B. There is an act of yielding and an activity of yielding.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to receive the cup of salvation?

2. In what way are we called to make a vow to the Lord? Explain.

3. How can you ensure that your home is an altar? What does this mean?
