

# ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

**What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?** I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. Psalm 116:13-15

ATTITUDE	state of mind (as manifested in one's bodily posture or disposition)
GRATITUDE	appreciation for benefit received (from gratis-free, without charge)

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE IS NOT **ACCEPTANCE** (AGREEMENT, APPROVAL)  
BUT **APPRECIATION** (RECOGNITION AND UNDERSTANDING OF ITS VALUE)  
AND YET THE HARD TRUTH IS:  
**APPRECIATION (THANKS) IS NOT ENOUGH**

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE SAYS.....

1. **I WONT COMPLAIN** (v13 - I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the LORD)  
(to claim or express pain or displeasure; to make an accusation)  
Malachi 2:17 , Malachi 3:3-16
2. **I WONT CRITICIZE** (v14 - I will pay my vows unto the LORD now....)  
(find fault; judge disapprovingly)  
Romans 2:1-3, 2:17-23, 14:10
3. **I WONT CONDEMN** (v15 - Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His Saints)  
(to pass adverse judgement on; disapprove of strongly; harm or damage; declare worthless)  
John 8:10-11

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE RECOGNIZES (v 17 - I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving....)

- IT **COULD** HAVE BEEN ME (BUT SOMEBODY **MADE A WAY**)
  - IT **SHOULD** HAVE BEEN ME (BUT SOMEBODY **CHOSE TO PAY**)
  - IT **WOULD** HAVE BEEN ME (BUT SOMEBODY **DECIDED TO STAY**)
  - IT **WAS** ME
    - v3 - The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me: I found trouble and sorrow
    - v6 - I was brought low.....
    - v10 - I was greatly afflicted
    - v11 - I said in my haste, All men are liars
- (BUT **GOD** HAD THE LAST SAY)
- v6 .....He helped me
  - v7 .....<HE> dealt bountifully with thee
  - V8 <HE> delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE REALIZES - **For if it had not been for the**

- **NIGHT**, I would not have seen the **LIGHT**
- **PAIN**, I would not have gotten the **GAIN**
- **LOAD**, I would not have travelled the **ROAD**
- **NAY**, I would not have received the **YEA**

