

Thank God For Christmas! #1
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give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thess. 5:18 (NIV)

1) WHY IS PRAISE SO IMPORTANT?

We should be always wearing the garment of praise, not just waving a palm branch now and then.

- Andrew Bonar —Life Application Bible Commentary

- **It brings me** _____

Then he told them, "Go, eat rich foods, drink sweet drinks, and send portions to those who cannot provide for themselves. Today is a holy day for the Lord. Don't be sad because the joy you have in the Lord is your strength." Nehemiah 8:10 (GW)

- **It** _____

But true praise is a worthy sacrifice; this really honors me. Those who walk my paths will receive salvation from the Lord. Psalms 50:23 (TLB)

- **It's a** _____

The heavens tell of the glory of God. The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. Psalms 19:1-2 (NLT)

2) WHY IS PRAISE CALLED A SACRIFICE?

- **It's** _____

"Why do you complain about me? All of you have rebelled against me," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 2:29 (GW)

- **It can be** _____

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalms 51:17 (NIV)

- **It's an** _____

I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you; I will praise your name, O LORD, for it is good. Psalms 54:6 (NIV)

3) HOW CAN MY LIFE BE A SACRIFICE OF PRAISE?

- **By** _____ **as Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of his great mercy he gave us new life by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us with a living hope, 1 Peter 1:3 (TEV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

- **By serving Jesus and** _____

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- **By taking up my cross** _____

And he said unto all, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Luke 9:23 (ASV)

- **To take up the cross I must** _____

What do I need lay down?