**Forgiveness, vss. 1-6**

* Practice by faith, commanded not suggested

**Gratitude Expressed, vss 7-19**

* Attitude is everything. We have only done our duty
* Acknowledge God’s mercies

**The Kingdom of God vss.20-37**

* Not like earthly kingdoms
* It is already in our midst
* Do you long to see it
* Do not be deceived, you won’t miss God’s glory
* Life will feel normal, like the days of Noah and Lot
* Jesus’ return will be divisive and decisive
* We are to watch for the signs

Jesus declares a woe

* Luke 6:24, 25, 26
* Luke 11:42,43,44
* Luke 11:46-47, 52
* Luke 17:1 to those who cause others to stumble.

The Greek word for **“stumble” is Skandalizo**,

* to trip-up, to draw someone to error,
* any hinderance placed in the way and causing someone to stumble or fall,

**John 8:31-32** Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

**John 8:35-36** Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever.36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

**Galatians 5:13-14** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Philippians 2:13 HCS** For it is God who is working in you, [enabling you] both to will and to act for His good purpose.

**Romans 12:1** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (Reasonable service)

**Let’s remember the lessons we have learned today. Forgiveness is not optional, it was commanded. Heart of gratitude is not merely pleasant; it is loved by the Lord. The kingdom of God is with us, and in us.**

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