

"A Life of Thankfulness, Love, and Trust" (Psalm 116) July 27, 2025 Drew Hunter

## Sermon Overview

### Main Idea

As Christians, our lives should be marked by warm, heartfelt love, confident trust in God's care, and by joyful thankfulness. However, our sense of living in a way that hits this mark can fluctuate from day to day and from season to season. Psalm 116 helps us answer the question, "How can we experience love, trust, and thankfulness more and more?" '

#### **Sermon Outline**

- 1. The Experience of Distress and Rescue (v 1-9)
- 2. The Enduring Response to Grateful Trust (v 10-10)

# Quotation

## **Discussion Questions**

### **Initial Engagement**

What is the main idea of the text, or what did the sermon focus on?

#### **Deeper Reflection**

- 1. Describe seasons in your life when you've strongly experienced enduring love, trust, and thankfulness and seasons when you have not. What factors influence these fluctuating seasons? How would you assess your current season?
- 2. Read Psalm 116:1-9. What do you surmise the writer might have experienced that compelled him to write these thoughts? Describe his before (when he was in the snare of death) and after feelings about his life. What value is there in reflecting and remembering our own experiences of distress and rescue?
- 3. Drew made the following statement "Since God delivers us from a lifetime and eternity of judgment, it warrants a lifetime and eternity of giving thanks." We would all agree with that statement and expect to 'give thanks' for all eternity, but how are we to show and give thanks to God for our salvation in our present life? How can we make this very practical!

### **Final Response**

• What is one thing you want to remember or one way you hope to change in light of this sermon or discussion?