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?
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2. In what way are we called to make a vow to the Lord? Explain.
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3. How can you ensure that your home is an altar? What does this mean?
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