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In practicing gratitude, we also impact those around us. Ephesians 5:20 encourages us to give thanks always for all things unto God. Our gratitude is infectious; it encourages others to look at their circumstances through a lens of appreciation and worship. In this way, we become instruments of harmony and hope in a world often characterized by discord and despair.

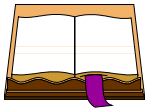
Today, reflect on ways to weave gratitude into your life. Consider keeping a gratitude journal, expressing thanks in prayer, or sharing thankfulness with those around you. In doing so, remember that God's will for you is goodwill, rooted in His love through Christ Jesus. In everything give thanks and truly experience the transformative power of a grateful heart.

Lift Up in Prayer

Pray for the leaders of the world as they navigate complex challenges with wisdom, courage, and peace; Archie's recovery from surgery, asking for healing, strength, and comfort; Yu Bedwell's uncle as he undergoes cancer treatment, asking for endurance, effective care, and God's peace; David's four children, that they would grow in salvation, faith, and obedience; Jacinth's recovery from her previous operation; Jonathan's wife as she undergoes chemotherapy; Caleb and Carissa Pierce as they enter a new season as long-term caregivers for a sweet baby boy they are calling Beau; Isaiah Whalen has found a ministry role; God would strengthen and unite Western Hills Christian Church; Jason R. Tucker's recovery after an assault by a motorcycle club, asking for physical healing, emotional strength, and protection; Robert Medlock's family, asking for spiritual strength, unity, and peace; We pray they find solace in cherished memories, feel the warm embrace of community support, and experience gentle peace to carry them through the difficult days ahead. Pray for God's comfort and peace for Carl Hunter and his family as they grieve his younger sister's loss; and for healing, relief, and strength for Noah Whalen, who has a double hernia. Praise God for Alondra's release from the hospital with her healthy and beautiful baby. Pray for her continued recovery and for God's blessings upon mother and child. **In Jesus' name, Amen.**

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Bible Study 10:00
Sunday Worship 11:00
Camp Humphreys Pacific
Victors Chapel (Sanctuary)



Wednesday Bible Study 18:30
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"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31)

The Power of Gratitude: Embracing Every Circumstance

By Francis Schaeffer

In 1 Thessalonians 5:18, the Apostle Paul writes, "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." This verse not only encapsulates a foundational principle of the Christian faith but also serves as a guiding light in our daily lives. The call to thankfulness in every circumstance invites us to embrace a heart posture that aligns us with God's purposes and reassures us of His presence.

From the outset, let us recognize the gravity of the statement "In everything give thanks." The word "every" does not allow for exceptions. It transcends our circumstances, urging us to cultivate an attitude of gratitude not only in moments of joy and success but also in trials, pain, and uncertainty. This is indeed a countercultural command. Our society often encourages complaints, ingratitude, and dissatisfaction. However, God invites us into a revolutionary perspective: to see through the lens of gratitude.

Thankfulness is not merely a polite response to life's blessings; it is a powerful response to the very nature of God. As we reflect on difficulties, we can become consumed by despair or bitterness. By contrast, gratitude offers us a pathway to peace.

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The phrase "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" stands as a profound declaration on God's intentions for His followers. Understanding God's will can often feel overwhelming; many believers grapple with questions about their purpose and direction. Yet here, the answer is clear: His will is for us to be thankful in everything. This implies that gratitude itself is not just an optional part of our faith, but a commandment woven into the very fabric of our relationship with the Lord. It calls us deeper into an understanding that His will encompasses every aspect of our lives, including the seemingly mundane and the incredibly challenging.

Why must we be thankful? First, gratitude reorients our hearts. In seasons of hardship, we might struggle to see God's hand at work, but remembering His past faithfulness builds our faith for present trials. Psalm 100:4 reminds us, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Gratitude ushers us into God's presence where we can experience His peace and provision. When we fail to acknowledge His goodness, we risk growing distant from Him, which can lead to spiritual stagnation.

Additionally, gratitude cultivates joy. Nehemiah 8:10 states, "...the joy of the Lord is your strength." Our perspective profoundly impacts our emotional and spiritual well-being. A heart filled with thanks does not ignore pain; rather, it chooses to recognize the good even amidst the bleakness. In doing so, we become vessels of His joy, demonstrating a faith that is not contingent upon circumstances but rooted in Christ.

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The congregation will hold a Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon on November 22 from 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please use the WhatsApp application to list the side dish you plan to bring.

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