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Sunday Mornings Messages

**November 26 – “Give Thanks”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)**

Al Fadi (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

**December 3 – “Name of God – Wonderful Counselor”
(Isaiah 9:6)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

**December 10 – “Name of God – Mighty God”
(Isaiah 9:6)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

**December 17 – “Name of God – Everlasting Father”
(Isaiah 9:6)**

Pastor Anthony Whitlatch (8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 Worship Center)

December 24 – “Worshipping the King”

Pastor Scott Summers (11:00 ONLY Worship Center)

Sunday Evening Messages

**November 26 – “Advent – Prophecy”
(Isaiah 9:2-7) Pastor Peter Molina**

**December 3 – “Advent – Bethlehem”
(Micah 5:2-4) Pastor Peter Molina**

December 10 – “Behold”

6 pm FBC Choir & Orchestra Christmas Concert & Cookie Reception

“Give Thanks”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

November 26, 2023

Al Fadi

In his first epistle to the believers in Thessalonica, the Apostle Paul admonishes us to live a life that is pleasing in the sight of the Lord, a life that glorifies our heavenly Father in heaven. He calls us to encourage and support the weak, to show goodness and grace to all people, and not to return evil with evil. He further encourages us to engage in constant rejoicing and ceaseless prayer, as we take every thought captive to Christ. He also calls us to offer thanks to our Heavenly Father in all circumstances, regardless of how difficult these circumstances might be. In this verse we will examine some principles that we can learn concerning why we ought to be “giving thanks to God” in all circumstances!

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sermon Outline

Why should we give thanks to God in all circumstances?

1. **Because All Things Work Together for Good [for those who love God]**

- a. *“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” – Romans 8:28*

2. Because God's Grace is Sufficient to Sustain Us [in all circumstances]

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me." – 2 Corinthians 12:9

3. Because Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of God [in Christ]

a. *"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." – Romans 8:37-39*

4. Because God Can Support Our Prayer Life [even during trials]

a. *"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." – Romans 8:26*

5. Because Tough Circumstances are a Test [of the genuineness of our faith]

- a. *“In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith...”* – 1 Peter 1:6-7

Application

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