

# In Everything, Give Thanks

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1 Thessalonians 5:18a

*Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**Big Idea: We Are To Give Thanks in all Circumstances.**

## Examining a History of Ingratitude:

### 1.) The Ingratitude of our First Parents

### 2.) The Ingratitude of all of Humankind

*"because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened" (Romans 1:21)*

### 3.) The Ingratitude of Israel

*"Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness?" (Exodus 14:11)*

*"Then the whole congregation of the children of Israel complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. 3 And the children of Israel said to them, "Oh, that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and when we ate bread to the full! For you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." (Exodus 16:2-3)*

*"And in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord; for He hears your complaints against the Lord. But what are we, that you complain against us?" 8 Also Moses said, "This shall be seen when the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening, and in the morning bread to the full; for the Lord hears your complaints which you make against Him. And what are we? Your complaints are not against us but against the Lord." (Exodus 16:7-8)*

#### **4.) Paul's Warning Against Ingratitude to the Church in 1 Corinthians 10**

*"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer." (1 Corinthians 10:6-10)*

*"5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread. 6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died." (Number 21:5-6)*

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*"Do all things without complaining and disputing, **15** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, **16** holding fast the word of life" (Philippians 2:14-15)*

*"And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:17)*

*"...but be filled with the Spirit...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ephesians 5:18, 20)*

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#### **5.) The Perfect Thank Offering of Jesus Christ**

## 6.) The Exhortation Of Gratitude In 1 Thessalonians 5

A.) In Everything Give Thanks, Not For Everything Give Thanks

B.) Giving Thanks In All Things is as Much About Our Attitudes and Actions as it is Our Words

C.) The Challenge of Giving Thanks: Disbelief, Discontentment and Pride.

*By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near  
Your enemy You've made Your friend  
Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace  
Your mercy and Your kindness know no end*

*Your blood has washed away my sin*

*-Jesus, thank You-*

*The Father's wrath completely satisfied*

*-Jesus, thank You-*

*Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table*

*-Jesus, thank You-*

(From "Jesus Thank You," music and words by Pat Sczebel)