



Everything

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Give thanks to God...

With everything

¹ Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. ³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. ⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. – *Psalms 100:1-5*

¹ With all my heart I praise the LORD, and with all that I am I praise his holy name!

² With all my heart I praise the LORD! I will never forget how kind he has been.

– *Psalms 103:1-2 (Contemporary English Version)*

- My life
- My song
- My passion
- My prayer
- My possessions

For everything

¹⁵ Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. ¹⁸ Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. – *Ephesians 5:15-20*

- For provision and blessing
- For forgiveness and mercy
- For family and friends
- For correction and tough lessons
- For adversity and pain

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In everything

¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. – *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

- When it works and when it doesn't
- When you get it and when you don't – blessed with less
- When you get it and when you don't
- When you win and when you lose
- When it's peaceful and when it's not
- When you hurt and when you don't

Next Steps

CTK Blessing: This is the final weekend that we will be promoting the CTK Blessing. The Blessing is an opportunity for the people of CTK to give toward a fund that helps people in our midst who encounter desperate need. Whether it's a medical emergency, a debilitating illness, a tragic loss, or any other seemingly impossible situation, The Blessing makes hope possible for people who have nowhere else to turn.

You'll find a green Benevolence envelope in your program. If God prompts you to give toward The Blessing, please use that envelope when you give. In fact, you can give toward this fund at any time throughout the year by using a green Benevolence envelope, found at the back of the Worship Center.

If you missed the powerful video of one family who benefited from the Blessing, you can watch it online at www.vimeo.com/32103274 or visit our Facebook page.

Baptism: In a season focused on the Savior, we can't think of a more fitting celebration than for believers to be baptized! If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior, don't miss this opportunity to follow his example and be baptized on the weekend of December 10 & 11. **A required class** is offered the previous weekend after services (7:15 pm on Saturday, December 3 and 1:00 PM on Sunday, December 4). Details are in today's program; sign up at the Connection Point.

Small Group Questions



- 1) What did you do on Thanksgiving day?
- 2) What are you most grateful for right now?
- 3) Is there a negative aspect of your life that you can be thankful for because of what it is teaching you? How has God used pain to teach you about thanksgiving?
- 4) Take a moment and briefly share what you appreciate about the people in your group. Be specific and transparent.
- 5) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. What kind of spiritual perspective do you need to have to make this possible? Do you think it's unrealistic? If you think this request comes from someone with an easy life, Read 2 Corinthians 11:16 to the end to hear Paul's story.
- 6) How can we pray for you today?