



Sermon Outline
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Grateful In All Circumstances

1 Thess. 5:18

"...be grateful in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – **1 Thess. 5:18**

It is possible and intended for Christians to be grateful _____ all things, not _____ all things.

*¹⁴ And we urge you, brothers and sisters, warn those who are idle and disruptive, encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone. ¹⁵ Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. ¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. – **1 Thess. 5:14-18***

What has your reaction to this year been? Is your reaction gratefulness or _____?

If you have prayed for God's will to be done in your life, a good place to start is with gratitude.

How can we be grateful in all circumstances?

It all starts with vision! What are you looking at? Are you focusing primarily on circumstances or primarily on God?

"The matter is that I too easily listen to the lies of my pathologically selfish sin nature, which assumes all of reality

should serve its preferences and grumbles against anything that doesn't." – Jon Bloom

"Grumbling is the accent of **hell**." – Jon Bloom

1. See _____ Clearly!

"In response to hope the imagination is aroused to picture every possible issue, to try every door, to fit together even the most heterogeneous pieces into the puzzle." – Thornton Wilder

2. See Our _____ Clearly!

"Gratitude is the accent of **heaven** because there *everything* is undeserved grace." – Jon Bloom

Eucharisteo – Give thanks, be grateful.

Charis – grace, undeserved mercy.

Fruitful Practice – Practical Fruit

- Count your _____
 - o Weigh the scale of life down with all your blessings!
 - o "What, all this and Christ?!"
- Spend time in _____, where you see God clearly
 - o What do you need to do, where do you need to go to be able to gaze at God?

*²⁶ While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." ²⁷ Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸ This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." – **Matt. 26:26-29***