

West Valley Church of Christ – November 19, 2023

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Sunday Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Devotional: 6:30 p.m.

**GIVE THANKS**



First Thessalonians 5:18 reads, “Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” The words translated give thanks is from one word in the Greek language. It is built from the word meaning “grace.” God owes us nothing and we owe Him everything! We deserve to have eternal condemnation, but He gives us eternal life and a multitude of other good things we don’t deserve. The thankfulness we are to possess is to be all Inclusive – in all circumstances! It’s hard to give thanks when bad things happen, but we are told to give thanks under every circumstance in life. God knew this would be a difficult thing to do; that’s why He gave us this command. Thankfulness is a Command – give thanks! The commands of God are designed to help us break through the barriers that are unnatural and harmful to us. Thankfulness is God’s Will – This is God’s Will for Us! Being able to thank God in all circumstances is not just good advice, it is the will of God. We are to thank Him even in those circumstances we do not like. The apostle had been confined to a prison cell for preaching Jesus. He writes to the Philippian church in his dreadful circumstances and said, “I thank my God every time I remember you” (Philippians 1:3). Part of pleasing God is to do His will. Thankfulness is accomplished by our connection to Christ. It is only “in Christ” can we give thanks in all situations. When we don’t thank God for everything we move outside the will of God.

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