

Main Point: Why we should be thankful in all our circumstances.

“Thanksgiving is a must for the Christian life. It is the response of gratitude to God’s saving activity in creation and redemption, and in recognition that He is the ultimate source of every blessing.”

[Psalms 103:3-5](#), [2 Timothy 1:9](#), [Ephesians 2:8-10](#), [Exodus 15:26](#).

Let us take a look at our Key Verse in [1 Thessalonians 5:18](#).

This verse says that it’s God’s will for everyone who believes in Jesus to be thankful.

There are some things that happen in our lives that we are truly thankful for. We are thankful for birthdays, weddings, love, and family.

But there are some things that happen are really difficult. We might have an illness, the death of a loved one, divorce, or some other sad event. How can God expect us to be grateful for those things?

One might think that this verse says to be thankful (FOR) all our circumstances. But the verse actually says to be thankful (IN) all circumstances. The original Hebrew word for (IN) that is used here means “in the middle of” or “during.”

The Greek word for (always) means (always, constantly), in every situation, including our trials. The Greek word for (all things means all things!)

while we recognize that God is not the author of evil, we can thank Him that even evil is a part of the “all things” [Romans 8:28](#)

No matter what is happening in your life, you can be thankful. The Bible gives us a long list of things we should be thankful for. [James 1:2-4](#)

Scripture clearly gives us a time to mourn and grieve over tragedies [Romans 12:15](#)

These are the things that never change, no matter what is happening in your life. We are to be thankful:

That God is good [1 Chronicles 16:34](#). That His love lasts forever [Psalm 106:1](#)

For God’s amazing grace [1 Corinthians 1:11](#). For the wonderful things God does [Psalm 107:8](#)

Because God answers prayers [Psalm 118:21](#). For other believers [Philippians 1:3](#)

We should be thankful because God gave His Son, Jesus, to save us from the punishment of our sin, and give us new life! ([1 Corinthians 15:57](#))

Giving thanks It will remind you that God is in control of everything. He never changes and He only allows what is good for you. [Jeremiah 29:11](#)

Paul mentioned thankfulness which is not optional. [Ephesians 5:20](#).

To always give thanks to God for all things, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit.

To be filled with the Spirit is to be under the Spirit’s control, [Galatians 5:16](#)

To the extent that we grumble, we are not living under the Spirit’s control.

[Philippians 4:11-13](#) [Philippians 2:14-16](#).

ALWAYS GIVE THANKS FOR ALL THINGS, AND JOYFULLY SUBMIT TO GOD.

Joyful submission is essential because God’s reputation is at stake.

If we grumble, the world thinks that our God must not be a loving, gracious, kind Father. [Ephesians 5:21](#)
[James 4:7-10](#)