

## Give Thanks in All Circumstances

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Key Verse: 5:18

1. Read verse 16-17. What do you think it means to be joyful? Compare John 15:9-12; 14:15-18. What is our source of joy? How can we be joyful always? (Php 4:4; Gal 5:22-25) What does it mean to "pray continually"? (compare Ge 6:9; Ro 1:8,9)
2. Why is it important to give thanks to God? See Romans 1:18-21. How does giving thanks to God acknowledge his sovereignty?
3. What does it mean to be "In Christ Jesus"? See Gal 2:20. How does being in Christ Jesus change our world view? (See Ro 12:1,2) How does this enable us to be thankful in all circumstances?
4. Why does God want us to remember what he has done? (Ps 103:1-6; Ex 13:3) How did he teach the Israelites to remember? How can we teach ourselves and our children to remember and give thanks?