

# GIVE THANKS

Thanksgiving Privileges

1Thessalonians 5:16-24



## **1Thessalonians 5:**

**16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.**



## **1Thessalonians 5:**

**23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.**

# 3 Great Calls

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- Of more value than many gifts...
- “rejoice...pray...give thanks”
- Simple in their presentation
- But, each is given a bonus...

# 1. Rejoice Evermore!

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- Rejoice – *chairō*, be glad, joyful
- Quality of the rejoicing
- Not like the joy of the world
- Focus on the Work of God in us

## 2. Pray Without Ceasing

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- The call to prayer – *proseuchomai*
- None rejoice as one talking to God
- As a lifestyle in sharing, talking, ask
- God in every thought and act



## Ps 103

**1 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And all that is within me, bless His holy name. 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; 3 Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; 4 Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and compassion; 5 Who satisfies your years with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle.**

# 3. In Everything Thanks

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- The work of *eucharisteo*
  - Psalm 103 – many points of thanks
  - God is with you! All that occurs...
  - Understanding, memory, affections
  - Lifestyle that pleases Him



# The Main Reason

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- “this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
- The act of thanksgiving focuses us
- “in Christ Jesus”
- Our relationship in Him

# Holy Spirit Aspects

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- Don't quench – put out His fire!
- Don't despise – have contempt
- Examine everything
- Hold fast to the good

# Father's Promise

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- God of Peace – Himself!
  - Sanctify you entirely
  - Preserved, guarded, kept entirely
  - Without blame, fault
  - Coming of Jesus – GOD IS FAITHFUL!

# *Happy* THANKSGIVING

*I will give thanks to the Lord with  
all my heart...*

