



Definition:

To give thanks is to be grateful, to show appreciation for what has been received or done for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

...give thanks in **all circumstances**, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

This means that we can and should acknowledge God in everything we do. Even during the **hardest** and the **toughest** challenges you face – you are to **give thanks**.

Why should we give thanks to God?

He is God! He is **worthy** of all praise, worship and gratitude.

We are not God! We fail, we deceive, and we **fall short** of what God intended us to be.

Psalm 107

Give thanks to the Lord for...

Verses 1-9

God's fulfilling acts of meeting **physical needs**.

Verses 10 – 16

God's liberating acts of **releasing** his people **from bondage**.

Verses 17-22

God's redemptive acts when we have gotten into trouble and are dealing with the **consequences** of our actions.

Verses 23-32

God's saving acts when His people are in **danger** and dealing with the **storms** around them.

Verses 33-42

God **does not give up** on His people and continues to bring them to the best place they can be.

Verse 43

Consider the great love of the Lord!

We have to be careful not to reduce our "**Thanks**" to God down to one day set aside for a Thanksgiving holiday or to only situations that are **pleasing to us**.

Giving Thanks for a Wonderful Demonstration of Love

Isaiah 9:6-7, 11:2-5

God had a much bigger plan in mind -one that would bring **salvation** to all who believed, not just the nation of Israel.

The King of Kings who created all things and whose rightful place is on the throne, **humbled** Himself to become like us, to give Himself as a **sacrifice** for us, paying the debt **we owe** for our sins on the cross; and then to overcome sin and death forever by being raised to life 3 days later. **Now that is something for which to give thanks!**

What are you thankful for in your life?

God has **shown** Himself to be one who is **always** there – **working**, guiding in our midst for His glory. Even in the middle of our sin and rejection of Him He is working.

Isaiah 55:8-9

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