



THANKSGIVING

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Genuine “thanksgiving” is the demonstration of spiritual maturity as a believer realizes the veracity of Rom. 8:28, in conjunction with the command of 1 Thess. 5:18:

I. THE ACCOUNTING OF EXPERIENCES

Rom. 8:28 And **we know that all things work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

A. Calculating the Events of our Life – “And **we know that all things ...**”

Mt. 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall **give account thereof in the day of judgment.**

Luke 16:2 And he called him, and said unto him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy stewardship; for thou mayest be no longer steward.

Rom. 14:12 So then every one of us shall **give account of himself to God.**

1 Pet. 4:5 Who shall **give account to him** that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

B. Comprehending the Expectations of the Lord – “...**work together for good to them that love God**, to them who are the called **according to *his* purpose.**”

Eccl. 3:1 To **every *thing* there is** a season, and **a time to every purpose** under the heaven:

2 Tim. 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but **according to his own purpose and grace**, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

II. THE ACCEPTANCE OF EVERYTHING

1 Thess. 5:18 **In every thing** give thanks: for **this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.**

A. The Planned Totality of Experiences – “In every thing...”

Jer. 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

B. The Personal Trust in the Eventuality – “...for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Phil. 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

III. THE APPRECIATION EXPRESSED

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A. The Action Implemented – “...give thanks...”

B. The Appreciation Indicated – “...the will of God **in Christ Jesus concerning you.**”

Conclusion

Eph. 5:18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but **be filled with the Spirit;**

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody **in your heart to the Lord;**

20 **Giving thanks always for all things** unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Col. 3:17 And **whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks** to God and the Father by him.