

Things Paul Was Thankful For

⇒ **Text: I Thess. 5:18 & Eph. 5:20**

⇒ **Intro:**

- We see from the Word of God that it is the will of God for the child of to give thanks in every thing.
 - The key words are every thing.
 - Not just the things and situations that makes us happy and joyous but also the things and situations that the flesh finds it difficult to thank the Lord for.
 - So, the revealed will of God for you and me is to “In every thing give thanks:...”
- On this Thanksgiving eve I want us to take a journey through some of the Pauline Epistles and looks at some of the things Paul was thankful for,

⇒ **I. God’s Program of Grace – 1 Cor. 1:4**

- “I **thank my God** always on your behalf, for the **grace of God** which is given you by Jesus Christ;”

⇒ **II. God’s Power – 1 Tim. 1:12**

- “And I **thank Christ Jesus our Lord**, who hath **enabled me**, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;”

⇒ **III. God’s People – 2 Thess. 1:3**

- “We are bound to **thank God** always for **you, brethren**, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth;”

⇒ **IV. God’s Provision – I Tim. 4:4**

- “For **every creature of God is good**, and nothing to be refused, **if it be received with thanksgiving:**”
- “...He that eateth, **eateth to the Lord**, for he **giveth God thanks;**...” – **Romans 14:6**

⇒ **V. God’s Plan of Salvation – 2 Cor. 9:15**

- “**Thanks** be unto God for his **unspeakable gift.**”