

A Christmas Series

*Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation
because this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (CEB)

God's Unexpected Gifts Grace and Goodwill

Christmas for families like mine is not only a worship time, but a time to cultivate an attitude of gratitude and know the Spirit of Christmas is more than just a season. It is, in fact, a way of living while remaining graciously aware of God's loving presence in our daily lives. I'm confident that appreciativeness opens our eyes and ears. Ultimately our hearts notice, and we live with the presence of God and Jesus in the Now.

This week's Talk finds us preparing for Christmas Eve worship with family and friends. We will experience Christmas day in reverence for the gift of Jesus the Christ. With so many events leading up to Saturday and Sunday, I believe it is important that we consciously choose to move through all that is before us in gratitude to God. Be encouraged to share the greatest God given gift—the gift of our Christ Nature. In that state of mind, we live the words from Paul to the Church in Thessalonica and finish the week rejoicing, and praying, and giving thanks in every situation.

Through God's grace and good we will lift ourselves, and each other, to a higher level of joy and kindness generosity. I'm convinced that there is nothing like love, praise, appreciation, and thanksgiving to increase our bigheartedness. We can all experience a difference in energy when we feel rewarded for expressing our love to those around us.

Now is the time to practice joyfully counting our blessings and expressing gratitude wherever we are or whatever we are doing. We become a blessing to others and together we choose to move toward simply being. We sing praises to God for all blessings in our life right now? Choose to give the gift of your Christ Light as love, joy, peace, and goodwill to all that are before and around you.

May your Christmas be filled with love, light, peace, and joy, and may the year 2023 bring abundant blessing in all areas of your life.

*Peace Always,
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