

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read 1 Thess 5:12-18 and re-read verse 18.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

18 in everything give thanks;
for this is God's will
for you
in Christ Jesus.

1. What is the over-arching theme Paul is teaching in verses 12-22 of chapter 5?
2. What is the command we see in this verse 18?
3. Re-read verses 16-18. What does the explanation at the end of verse 18 ("for this is the will for you in Christ Jesus.") include? Explain your answer.
4. Re-read v18. When considering "God's will", what does this include when thinking about our lives individually?
5. When considering God's will in Question 4, what is the difference between the two manifestations of God's will we learn about in scripture (God's sovereign will and God's revealed will)?

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❖ Day 2

Read 1 Thess 5:12-22 again.

6. Read Ephesians 5:20 along 1 Thessalonians 5:18. For what are we to be thankful?
7. Re-read Ephesians 5:20. In whose name do we pray, and to whom do we pray?
8. Read 2 Corinthians 4:15. What is the ultimate goal of all that the believer does, including the giving of thanks?
9. Re-read 2 Corinthians 4:15 along with our passage. When we read “all things” in verse 15, what does this include? Be specific.
10. Considering 2 Corinthians 4:15 as well as our passage, give some examples of giving thanks in everything including the unpleasant events we experience.

❖ Day 3

Read 1 Thess 5:12-22 again.

11. How should we understand the phrase “for your benefit” found in 2 Corinthians 4:15 considering Romans 8:28?
12. Based on the romans passage above, what theological term might we apply to God’s orchestrating or determining every event in life?

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13. Read Romans 1:21 and 2 Timothy 3:1-5. Note especially verse 3 of the 2 Timothy passage. Are believers or unbelievers described in these verses?

14. Based on the previous passages, what practice would describe a common trait of unbelievers?

15. How should we live differently this week based on I Thessalonians 5:18?

In preparation for Sunday, pray giving thanks for the many blessings God has given you. Thank him for the ways he uses trials to shape you and prune you.