

***Give Unending Thanks:  
How God Makes the Impossible  
Possible***

Ephesians 5:18-21

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*To give thanks always and for everything is...*

*...to give thanks without ceasing,*

*...to give thanks at in all circumstances,*

*...to give thanks as often as you breathe.*

# Key Questions:

- Do you live your life like that?
- Do you give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- Do you acknowledge God at all times and in all circumstances and give him the glory that's due his name?

# The Pattern of Thanksgiving:

- *We give thanks to the Father through the Son (Eph. 5:20, Rom. 5:1-2, Eph. 2:17-18, Eph. 3:11-12)...*
- *...by the power of the Spirit (Eph. 5:18).*

# The Pattern of Salvation:

- *It was impossible for us to be saved, at least from a human perspective (Eph. 2:1-3, 2:12, 4:18-19, 5:8).*
- *But God is super-abundant in mercy (Eph. 2:4) and he made the impossible possible!*
  - *He chose us in Christ, Eph. 1:4*
  - *He predestined us for adoption through Christ, Eph, 1:5*
  - *He redeemed us in Christ, Eph 1:7*
  - *He made us alive and raised us up and seated us with Christ, Eph. 2:5-6*

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- *The Holy Spirit...*
  - *Causes us to be born again (John 3:1-8)*
  - *Is our seal and guarantee of present and future salvation (Eph. 1:13-14)*
  - *Mediates our access to the Father (Eph. 2:18)*
  - *Works in us to make as holy as he is holy (2 Cor. 3:18, 1 Peter 1:2 & 13-16)*

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# Conclusion:

*Even the mercy of God made the impossible possible with regard to our salvation, the mercy of God will make the impossible possible with regard to our giving thanks to him always and for everything!*

# John 6:37

*“All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.”*

# Romans 10:9

*“...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”*