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IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

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A command by the Apostle, rooted in his understanding of *biblical theology - the gospel*.

Ps 100:4-18:49; 30:4-12, 92:1; 2 Cor 2:14

1. **What is thanksgiving? towdah/Yadah**—to Confess, acknowledge, respect, to open the hand, to be honest: rooted in knowledge, understanding, trust, dependence, humility.
2. **What is it to God?** – Honor, glory, respect, due benevolence, his proper, rights- Rom 11:16/ Acts 17:28
3. **What is it to His people?** A manifestation of trust, understanding, faith, respect, settled dependence: a confidence in the promises of God, declaring His inherit and immutable unchangeable goodness. vs Ps 100:1-5
4. **In everything:** vs 18/ Phil 4:6/12,13- circumstances, events, conditions, realms, atmospheres, places, etc.
5. **The will of God:** His Revealed purposes clearly established in the Scriptures. 1 Thess 4:3/ Rom 12:1-3/John 6:40/7:17/Col 1:9/Heb 10:36
6. **According to Christ:** because of HIM: this call to thanksgiving has as its focal point Jesus Christ and the gospel of His glory. Heb 1:14-16/9:15/24/13:20-21
7. **Concerning you:** Heb 13:15/ Rev 4:9/ 11:17/2 Cor 1:19 - 22. We give Him thanks, because all the promise of God, in Christ Jesus, are Yes and Amen, to the glory of God, by us!