Thankful

November 22, 2026

[1] Paul, Silas and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace and peace to you.
[2] We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.
[3] We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

Different Aspects of Thankfulness

- Thanksgiving as an Attitude

…give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:18

- Thanksgiving as a Duty

We ought always to thank God for you…
2 Thessalonians 1:3a

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord…
2 Thessalonians 2:13

- Thanksgiving as a Lifestyle

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.
1 Thessalonians 1:2

Why Be Thankful

- Work Produced by Faith

- Labor Prompted by Love

- Endurance Inspired by Hope

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1 Thessalonians 1:3

Small Group Discussion Questions for the Week of November 22, 2026.

Opening

1. What would it take for someone to make a lasting impression on you?

Digging Deeper into the Scriptures

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3
1. What is the meaning of Paul's greeting of "grace and peace"?

   Consider the order in which Paul uses the terms grace and peace. How is one the foundation of the other?

2. Why was Paul thankful for the Thessalonian Christians?

Read 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10 to learn more about the Thessalonian believers.
3. How were the Thessalonians a model for other believers?

   In what ways are they a model for believers today?

Applying the Scriptures

1. What kind of "model" are you in matters of faith:
   - Still on the drawing board?
   - A work in progress?
   - Secured in a private collection?
   - On display at the National Museum?

2. Which of the qualities in verse 3 do you most wish to see developed in your life now?