

Enduring Thanks

INTRODUCTION

- What transforms us into people who have e_____ thanks no matter the circums_____?
- Why are we to give thanks? Because it is the w____ of _____ in Christ Jesus.

HIS STEADFAST LOVE

- Hes_____ in not only ste_____ love, but loving-kindness, or mercy, compassion, grace, love and faithfulness. (see Psalm 136)
- His steadfast love is et_____ (see Exodus 34:6-7)

MADE MANIFEST IN JESUS CHRIST AND HIS GOSPEL

- Why does Paul give thanks to the Thessalonians? _____
- Their hope is made alive by the power of the Holy Spirit with full conv_____.
- You can't have enduring thanks without the gr_____ comes from knowing that you are forgiven in Christ Jesus. If there is no gratitude, there is no giving thanks.
- In the new Testament, we have God's love made manifest for us in J_____. (see Revelation 7:9-12)

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

- Our lives are not continually lived on the mountain top. Much of our lives take place in the v_____. What are some of the valleys you've been in? _____
 - Describe what happened to Job. What was his response? _____
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- Sometimes we're in the valley by our own doing and the Lord dis_____ us so that we turn and follow his word and his will. Even then, we give thanks.
 - Can you give thanks even when d_____ is at the door?
 - What did Jesus do during the Last Supper? _____
 - In _____ circumstances, we give thanks to God for this is the w____ of God in Christ

HEAR & APPLY THE WORD

Be filled with gratitude towards God:

1. For His steadfast love
2. Made manifest for us in Christ Jesus.

Then:

3. Give thanks with a grateful heart in all circumstances.

