

# Midweek Bible Study

## Spirit-Filled Thanksgiving (5:15-21)

### Thanksgiving in Paul

#### The moral duty to give thanks

1. It is God's revealed will that we give thanks to God!!  
1 Thess. 5:18
2. When thanks is given, God is glorified!  
2 Cor. 4:15
3. Ingratitude is one of the distinctive marks of depravity  
Rom. 1:21
4. Thanksgiving is the distinctive mark of Christian speech  
Eph. 5:4

#### The result of the Spirit's fullness

#### The Characteristics of Spirit-Filled Thanksgiving

1. The frequency: always
2. The occasion: for all things  
All benefits – all saving benefits, all fringe benefits  
People – note how often Paul thanked God for people and for what God was doing in them!!  
All trials
3. The direction: In the name of our Lord Jesus to God the Father

#### Application

