

REFLECTIONS

- In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 Paul wrote: “. . . give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” What is the importance of giving thanks that it would be the will of God for us in all circumstances?

- How is the giving of thanks an act of faith that pleases God?

- How does Jesus’ giving thanks at the Lord’s Supper help you to understand the phrase, “in all circumstances”? What was He thanking the Father for?

- Read John 17:1. What was the primary reason Jesus went to the cross?

MATTHEW 26:26–28

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

- Read Ephesians 1:7–14. What is the primary reason God saved us who believe?
- Jesus gave thanks at the table of remembrance for His death and all it would accomplish. What are we thankful for when we come to thank Him at that table?