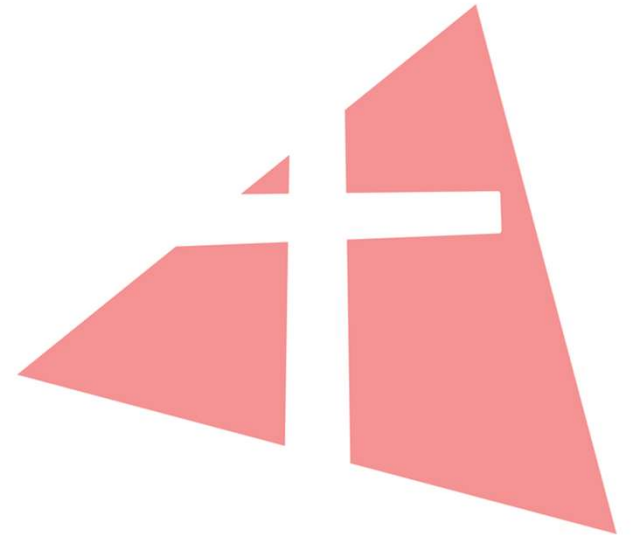


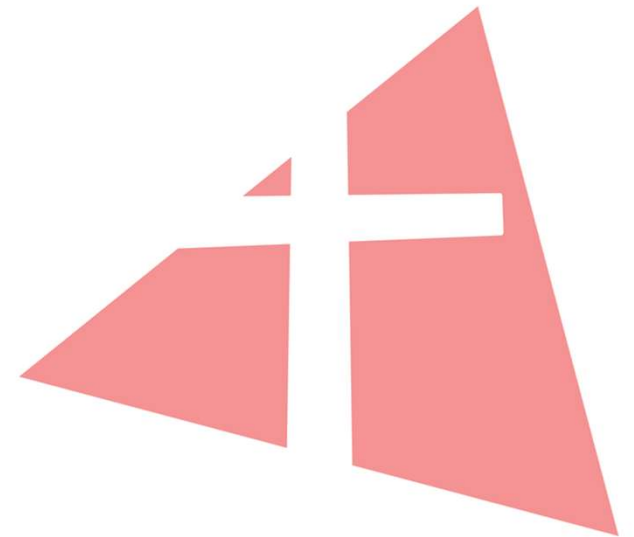
# **IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS**

**December 29<sup>th</sup> 2019**



# THE END OF THE YEAR

- **Many people use this time of the year for some reflections**
  - How did last year go?
  - What do I want in the new year?



# WHEN REFLECTING

- **Some things will have gone exactly the way we wanted them to go**
- **Some things will have gone exactly the opposite way of how we wanted them to go**



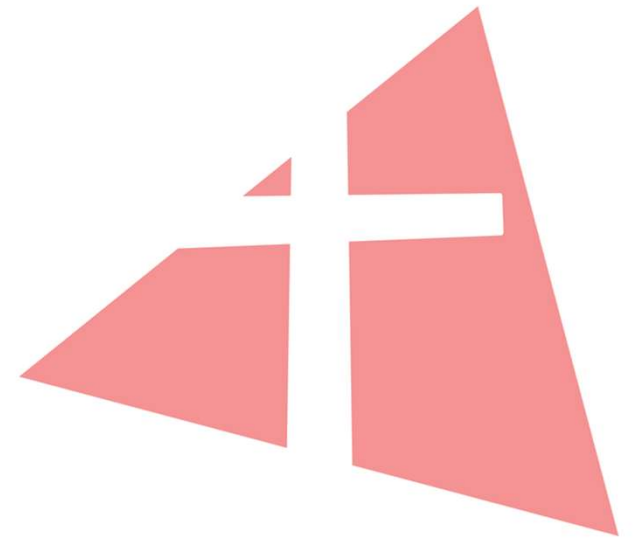
# KEY VERSE

*1Thess 5:16-18 Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*



# THE BASICS

- It is a commandment
- It is an offer
- It is a choice



# HOW TO DO IT

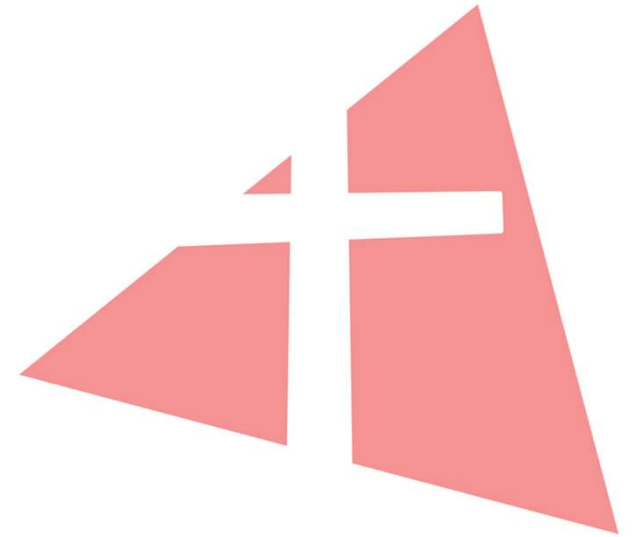
- We can rejoice and give thanks always when we have the right mindset



# REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

- **God is in control**

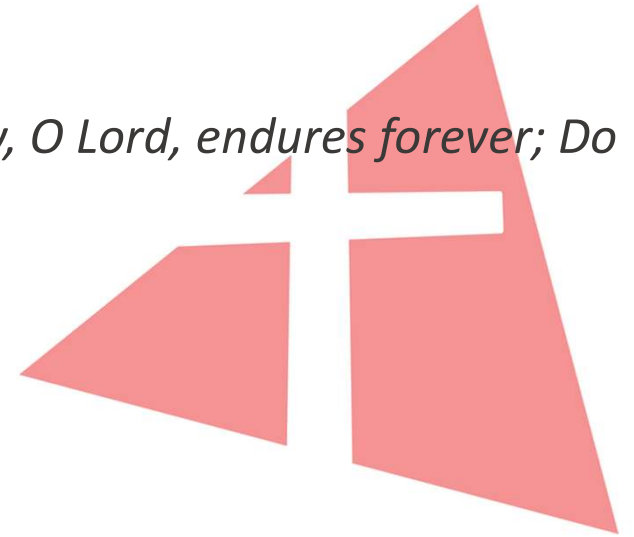
*Ps 115:3 But our God is in heaven; He does whatever He pleases.*



# REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

- **God has a plan**

*Ps 138:8 The Lord will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O Lord, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.*

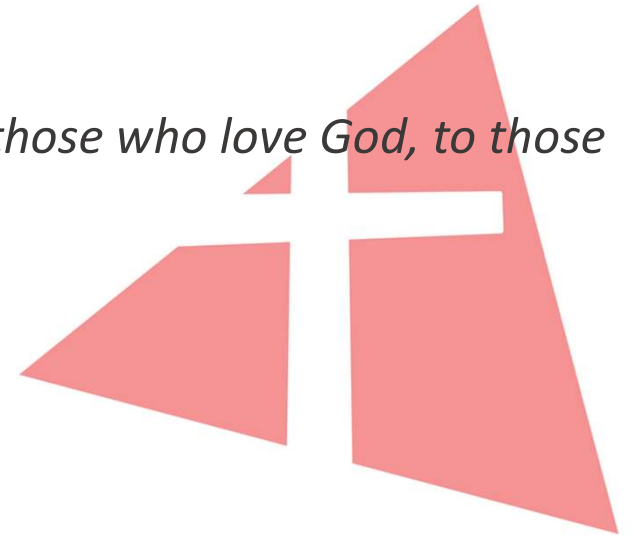




# REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

- **God is always at work**

*Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.*



# REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

- **God is for us**

*Rom 8:31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

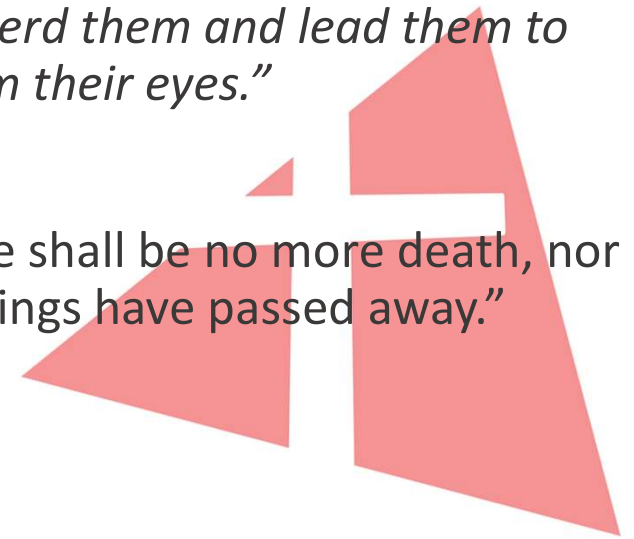


# REASONS TO GIVE THANKS

- **Eternal hope**

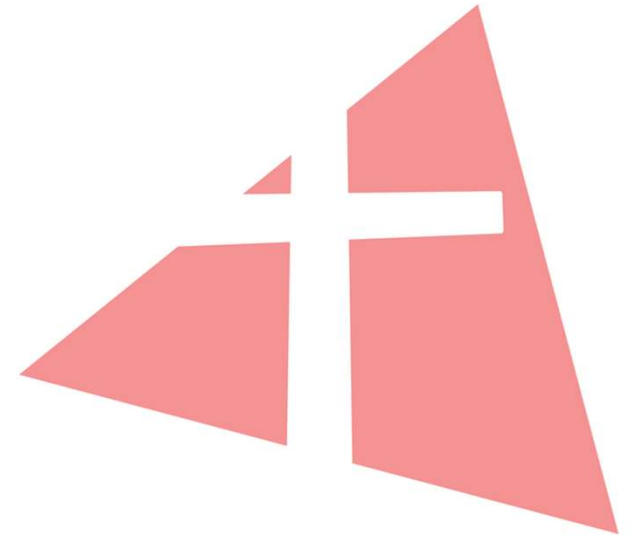
*Rev 7:17 for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

Rev 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”



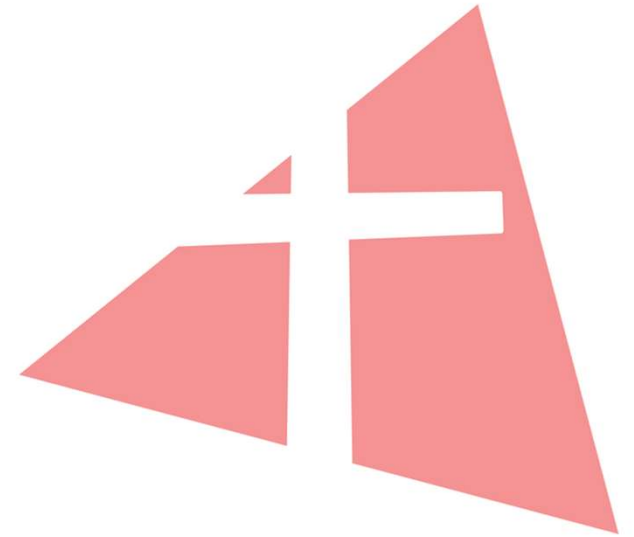
# TWO OTHER FEELINGS

- **Worry is the fear that God won't get it right**
- **Bitterness is the conclusion that God didn't get it right**



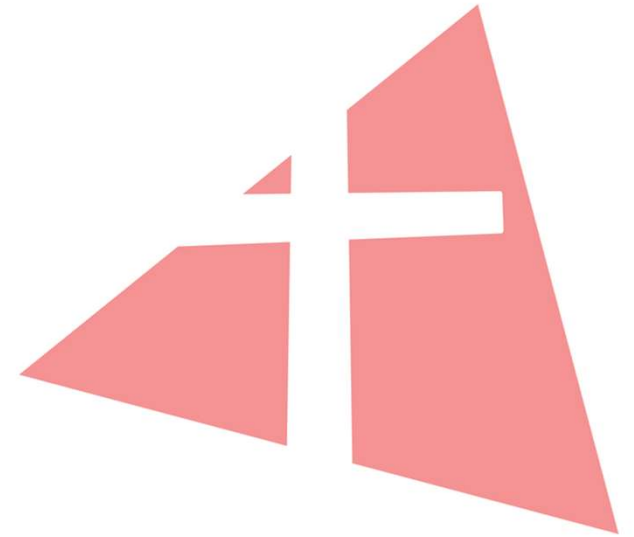
# GIVING THANKS

- The more Faith we have, the more we will give thanks



# DIFFICULT QUESTIONS

- There are situations that aren't covered in this message



# MAKING IT PERSONAL

- **Let's reflect on 2019**
  - Personal
  - As a church
- **Let's give thanks in ALL circumstances**

