

## "More Thanking – Less Complaining"

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## **Reasons for Being More Thankful:**

1.	The Church is in
	I Thessalonians 1:1-3—"Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. <sup>3</sup> 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."
	Reference: Acts 17:1-19
2.	The Church is filled with
	I Thessalonians 1:4-5—"For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that He has chosen you, <sup>5</sup> because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake."

	<b>Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)</b> - "God decided in advance to ADOPT US into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure."
3.	The church is
	I Thessalonians 1:5-7 - "You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. <sup>7</sup> And so you became a model to all the believers

in Macedonia and Achaia."