

Thanksgiving Message 2020

"Discovering Thanks in Thankless Times"

* Just asking, "Do you feel very thankful this year?"

- What emotions are people feeling these days???
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- What will get us through this valley, for as long as we are required to go through with it, is _____.

I. Three Bible verses that teach us about discovering thankfulness in seemingly thankless circumstances.

A. From the Book of Philippians:

1. Philippians 1:29,30
2. Philippians 4:4-6
3. Can anybody relate to what we are going through these days?

B. From the Book of I Thessalonians:

1. I Thessalonians 1:6
2. I Thessalonians 2:14,15
3. And yet, what was the advice? I Thessalonians 5:18
4. How can we do that *this year, right now?*

C. From the Book of Ephesians:

1. Ephesians 5:18
2. "What? Are you NUTS?"
3. Romans 8:28
4. Is there anybody who has actually *done this?*
5. Psalms 119:67; 71

*** Some final thoughts and applications:**

In spite of all that has happened in 2020, we can still meaningfully celebrate Thanksgiving this year...and how?