

**God Is in Control**  
1 Thess. 5:16-22

**1. Three things we \_\_\_\_\_ do. (vv. 16-18)**

➤ We should \_\_\_\_\_ always.

Joy is an attitude of settled \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in God's power and love ever working in us and through us for His glory and our ultimate good. (Phil. 2:14-15)

➤ We should \_\_\_\_\_ without ceasing.

We should treat prayer as our first \_\_\_\_\_ in living for God rather than our last \_\_\_\_\_.

➤ We should give \_\_\_\_\_ in everything.

**2. Two things we should \_\_\_\_\_ do. (vv. 19-22)**

➤ We should not \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit.

Paul is telling us here not to pour cold water on the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit in our lives. (Rom. 8:15-16; 1 Cor. 2:10; Eph. 3:16)

➤ We should not refuse to \_\_\_\_\_ to the preaching of God's Word.

No one today has a consistent gift of receiving authoritative \_\_\_\_\_ from God that He intends to be spread to all His people.

We need to \_\_\_\_\_ whatever we hear preached, even if it claims to come from God's Word.

**Calvary Connection Group**  
Discussion Questions for the week of Nov. 20, 2022

**Getting to Know Me**

- What is one difficult thing that God has helped you be thankful for this year?
- Who has helped you the most in your life, other than God/Jesus or your spouse or your parents? How?

**Into the Bible**

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?
  
- The sermon referred to Phil. 2:14-15 as a command to refuse to grumble and complain (the opposite of rejoicing). How do we do this in practical terms? Paul, a little later in Philippians, tells us how. Read Phil. 4:6-8. What does Paul say is the secret to rejoicing always and refusing to grumble and complain?
  
- We take great comfort in the words of Rom. 8:28, and so we should. If we love God and are called by Him, God makes all things work together for our good. But we need to understand the context of that great promise to understand what it really means. Read Rom. 8:26-30. Who is helping us pray when we don't know how to pray (v. 26)? How is He able to do this (v. 27)? What is the proof Paul gives that God works all things together for our good (vv. 29-30)? Is this a guarantee that we will get our way in this life? When will we see the proof of God's making all things work together for our good?
  
- Because this is Thanksgiving week, we should know that our passage is just one of many commands to give thanks. Read the following passages (just a small sample): 1 Chron. 16:34; Ps. 9:1-2; 28:6-7; 100:1-5; Eph. 5:4, 18-21; Col. 3:15-17; Heb. 13:15. To whom are we to be thankful? For what should we be thankful? Who gives us the power to be thankful?

**Application**

- Giving thanks in everything doesn't mean that everything is always good or easy. What have you seen in this study that will help you to give thanks when you encounter evil or crushing circumstances?
  
- Who is the most thankful person you know? How have you been helped by their attitude and words?