

Bible Study for November 22-28, 2021

Read: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Notes:

Happy New Year! In the church calendar we have begun a new year beginning with the season of Advent. Like a new year celebration, we look both back at the past (when the Christ child was foretold to arrive) and the future, when Christ shall return again.

In our lesson for today, Paul has received a report from Timothy regarding the congregation at Thessalonica, and Paul's is exuberant with gratitude for them. In this passage from his letter, Paul voices overflowing thanks, joy, and blessings for the people of this growing church.

Questions to Ponder:

As a child, how did your family give thanks to God? Prayer? A special offering? Volunteer work?

Are you in the habit of thanking God on a regular basis? Why or why not?

When you feel your faith is lacking (as we all do from time to time) where do you turn? Reading the Bible? Talking to a friend? Prayer? A chat with your pastor?

Verses 11-13 appear to be a prayer. Is this the type of prayer you would use? In what kind of situation would you consider using this for a prayer?