JOY IN THE LORD

(Psalms 63:1-8)

1. (Psalm 92:1-2) "It is good to give thanks to the Lord ... "

"It is good" - to conform to a high standard; honorable; proper; fitting. The text continues: "to sing praises ... to declare Your loving kindness in the morning and Your faithfulness every night"

2. (Psalm 30:4) "... to give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name"

(Psalm 111:9) "holy and awesome (KJV "reverend") is His name" (Matthew 6:9) "hallowed be Your name"

3. (Psalm 119:62) "At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You"

"At midnight" - when times are dark; can't see a way out; adversity. (Romans 8:28) "We know that all things work together for good ..."

4. (1 Corinthians 15:57) "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

We have "the victory" and hope because of Jesus' resurrection from the grave.

(v58) "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"

5. (1 Thessalonians 5:18) "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"

(Ephesians 5:20) "giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"

There's always a reason to "give thanks," and it "is the will of God"

6. (2 Corinthians 9:15) "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift"

(1 John 3:1) "Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called the children of God"

(John 3:16) "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"

CLOSE: Say, "Thanks" to God by trusting and obeying.

(Luke 6:46) "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not the things I say?"