

Thanksgiving

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Introduction

1. Colossians 2:6-7
2. We are getting ready to have Thanksgiving Day.
 - a. It is a time of family, friends, football and over eating
 - b. It really is a time of giving of thanks for the blessings of life
3. As Christians we are to have a heart of thanksgiving every day. Colossians 2:7
4. When we think of the freedoms we have and the sacrifices that have been made for us, we ought to be giving thanks to God.
5. Let us consider the metaphors of this text, the teaching of the text and thanksgiving

II Discussion

1. Three metaphors
 - a. Walk is the idea of military - all walking in step
 - i. This is a daily walk Luke 9:23
 - ii. The verb tense means to keep on walking in Him 1 John 1:7
 - b. Rooted the good seed is planted Luke 8:15
 - i. We have been planted Romans 6:5
 - ii. It takes root which spread far, wide and deep. Matthew 5:16
 - iii. We have heartily consented to His covenant
 - iv. The verb show that this has already been done Colossians 1:23
 - c. Built up – the idea of building a house 1 Corinthians 3:9-11; Ephesians 2:20-22
 - i. The verb tense shows this to be an ongoing progress
 - ii. The foundation is sure 2 Timothy 2:19
 - iii. We must be like the wise man Luke 6:48
2. The teaching
 - a. They had be taught because they had received Christ Jesus verse 6
 - i. They had been taught John 6:44-45; Hebrews 8:11; Colossians 1:9; 3:16
 - ii. We are to be taught and thus know God so that we are rooted and built up in the most holy faith. Romans 10:17
 - b. They had been stablished in the faith verse 7
 - i. Make secure (2 Peter 1:8,10)
3. Thanksgiving
 - a. We are to be thankful because of the blessing bestowed upon us 2 Corinthians 9:11
 - b. We are to abound in our thanksgiving 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - c. We show our thanksgiving in
 - i. Publishing Psalm 26:7
 - ii. Sacrifice Leviticus 22:29;
 - iii. Prayer 1 Timothy 2:1; 4:3-4
 - d. The results of thanksgiving is the grace of God 2 Corinthians 4:15

III Conclusion

1. We are taught, rooted and grounded in the faith which was once delivered to the saints
2. We are to continue and are built up in the teaching of Jesus Christ
3. We are then thankful for all that God has done and are responsive to His blessings
4. Will you be responsive today

Sources: Vincent, Clark Matthew Henry; Robertson, Denton 2000; Holland Complete in Christ; Sermon preached in 2007

