

Be Ye Thankful

Introduction

1. Colossians 3:15
2. This is the time when we focus our attention on being thankful
3. We really ought to be thankful every day 2 Corinthians 9:15; Colossians 1:3
4. This idea is used 6 times in this book 1:3, 12; 2:7; 3:15,17; 4:2
5. Prayer is but one way to express thanksgiving to God. Colossians 4:2
6. Let us study today the attitude of gratitude

II Discussion

1. Peace with gratitude Colossians 3:15
 - a. How do we have peace with God? Romans 5:1 Faith comes by hearing Romans 10:17
 - b. This has made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints. Colossians 1:12-14
 - i. He delivered us from darkness into the kingdom verse 13
 - ii. He controls our lives controls our destinies John 14:6; Matthew 6:19-21
 - iii. He has redeemed us verse 14 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - iv. He has removed us from sins verse 14, 20-21; Hebrews 8:12
 - c. This peace shall keep our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus Philippians 4:7
2. Praise with gratitude Colossians 3:16
 - a. The Word must dwell in us Psalm 1:2; 119:11; 2 Timothy 2:2, 15
 - b. Teaching must be done Matthew 28:18-20; 2 Timothy 2:2; Titus 2:11-12
 - c. Admonishing means a putting in mind 1 Corinthians 10:11; Ephesians 6:4 (warning Colossians 1:28)
 - d. "The difference between 'admonish' and 'teach' seems to be that, whereas the former has mainly in view the things that are wrong and call for warning, the latter has to do chiefly with the impartation of positive truth." Admonish is a warning based on instruction.
 - e. This is done through singing
3. Practice with gratitude Colossians 3:17
 - a. All that we do or say must be done with the authority of Christ. Acts 2:38
 - b. Does this separate daily living with Sunday worship?
 - c. What are we doing every day have authority from God
 - i. Working 1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Thessalonians 3:5-10
 - ii. Worship John 4:24; Acts 2:42
 - iii. Word Ephesians 4:29; Matthew 12:34-37

III Conclusion

1. When the right disposition is coupled with the right kind of devotion, serving God will be on the highest plane.
2. Opportunities stand before us to be thankful for all things James 1:17; Romans 8:28
3. What is your attitude today? Are you thankful for God's unspeakable gift?
4. Are you using that gift from God?

Sources: Vines' Dictionary; Expositions of the Expositor; Complete in Christ sermon outlines from Colossians by Tom Holland; Old sermon preached in 2000