

Things That Should Not Cease

Text: Ephesians 1:15-17

Introduction

Paul speaks of being continually thankful for the Ephesian brethren. An attitude of thankfulness like that does a great deal to promote unity and cooperation among the brethren.

There are some other things we can establish, on a Scriptural foundation that should not cease in our lives. These are basic and important for the advancement of our personal experience with the Lord, as well as for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Message

1. Praise

- a. "The four living creatures ... do not cease to say, 'Holy, holy, holy'" (revelation 4:8, NASB).
- b. "This woman, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet: (Luke 7:45).

2. Prayer

- a. "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- b. "God forbid that I should sin ... in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23).

3. Proclamation (of the gospel)

- a. "Daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:31).
- b. "By the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears" (Acts 21:31).

Conclusion

Spiritual and numerical growth will take place in the kingdom of God if we will not allow these things to cease in our lives and churches.

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