

Abounding in Thankfulness

Text: Colossians 2:7

Introduction

A noteworthy characteristic of the early Christians was their continuous overflow of joyous gratitude to their Lord for all things.

Message

- 1. Continuous praise was offered at the ascension** of Jesus Christ and after the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost (Luke 24:52,53; Acts 2:46,47).
- 2. It was a vocal, spiritual sacrifice** continually inspired by the name of their Lord and Savior (Hebrews 13:15).
- 3. It was a daily exercise in obedience** to the Scriptures (Psalm 34:1; 71:24; 119:62,164; 1 Chronicles 23:30).
- 4. It was inspired by heavenly beings** (Job 38:7; Revelation 4:8–11).
- 5. It was made possible and effective by the infilling of the Holy Spirit** (Ephesians 5:18–20). Note that the apostle Paul continually thanked God for the **charisma** manifested by the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 1:4–7), and for the grace and love enjoyed by his converts (1 Thessalonians 1:2,3; Ephesians 1:15,16).

Conclusion

Giving thanks to God should never cease, for such is the will of God (1Thessalonians 5:16–18).