

THANKSGIVING

Heb. 13:15-16

“The Sacrifice of Praise”

Heb. 13:15 **By him** therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips **giving thanks to his name.**

16 But **to do good and to communicate** forget not: for with **such sacrifices** God is well pleased.



I. THE PRAISE PERSONALLY

A. To Whom Directed – “By him...giving thanks to his name.”

B. From Whom Derived – “...let us offer...”

❖ A believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should be one of the world’s foremost sources of praise to God!



II. THE PRAISE PERPETUALLY

A. The Fact – “...the sacrifice of praise to God continually...”

1 Thess. 5:16 Rejoice evermore.

17 Pray without ceasing.

18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.



❖ Genuine “thanksgiving” is an exhibition of spiritual maturity as a believer realizes the veracity of Rom. 8:28, combined with the command of 1 Thess. 5:18.

B. The Fruit – “...that is, the fruit of *our* lips...”

C. The Fellowship – “...giving thanks...”



Original Word: ὁμολογέω

Transliteration: homologeó

Phonetic Spelling: (hom-ol-og-eh'-o)

Definition: to speak the same, to agree

homologéō (**properly, to voice the same conclusion, i.e. agree ("confess"); to profess (confess) because in full agreement; to align with (endorse).**)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/3670.htm>

- ❖ In a service like tonight, I trust that our testimonies are not only in agreement with the Lord, but, are a wonderful indication of the unity of our members in “giving thanks” together!



III. THE PRAISE PRACTICALLY

13:16 But **to do good and to communicate** forget not: for with **such sacrifices** God is well pleased.

A. Maintain Good Practices – “...to do good...”

Original Word: εὐποιῖα

Transliteration: eupoiia

Definition: doing good

Usage: good-doing, doing of good. (only used is Heb. 13:16)

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2140.htm>



B. Maintain Godly Participation – “... to communicate...”

Original Word: κοινωνία

Transliteration: koinónia

Definition: fellowship

koinōnía (a feminine noun) – properly, what is *shared in common* as the basis of *fellowship* (*partnership, community*).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2842.htm>



C. Maintain Genuine Particulars – “...forget not...”

Original Word: ἐπιλανθάνομαι

Transliteration: epilanthanomai

Definition: to forget, neglect

Usage: I forget, neglect.

epilanthánomai (from *epí*, "on, fitting" and *lanthánō*, "unnoticed") – properly, to overlook, especially *the effects* that go with failing to notice. *epilanthánomai* ("overlooking"), as an intensification of (*lanthánō*), **focuses on the consequences that build on the forgetting** (note the *epi*, "upon").

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1950.htm>



D. Maintain God-Pleasing – “...for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”

Original Word: θυσία

Transliteration: thusia

Definition: a sacrifice

Usage: abstr. and concr: sacrifice; a sacrifice, offering.

thysía – properly, an *offering (sacrifice)*; an official sacrifice *prescribed by God*; hence an offering *the Lord accepts* because offered on His terms.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/2378.htm>



Conclusion

1 Pet. 2:5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, **to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.**

Titus 3:8 *This is* a faithful saying, and these things **I will that thou affirm constantly**, that they which have believed in God might **be careful to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men. ...

14 And let ours also **learn to maintain good works for necessary uses**, that they be not unfruitful.





Happy
Thanksgiving

— WE ARE GRATEFUL —

