

The Supremacy of Jesus Christ
Worthy of All Praise
Hebrews 13:15

Thanksgiving week I can hardly wait for Thursday's Feast of Thanksgiving – turkey, turkey and more turkey with scrumptious mashed potatoes, cranberries, sweet potatoes and pumpkin pie – yummy! This is my verse for enjoying this great feast and all the festivities that go with it in our home:

Nehemiah 8:10 Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for *this day is* holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

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This is a day of celebrating The Lord our God and all He has done for us, don't mourn over all your failures, focus on the One always worthy of praise and celebrate! Nehemiah's exhortation to the nation of Israel is just as fitting for us today and every day...

Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:15-

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Sacrifice of praise – pride, fear and apathy must die

Fruit of our lips – from out of the heart the mouth speaks (confesses)

Law of God, the fear of God and The Holy Spirit are in the believer's heart

Praise is a natural fruit of all who are filled with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, **19** speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, **20** giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, **21** submitting to one another in the fear of God.

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Giving Thanks – to confess or declare as in Matt.10:32; Rom.10:9; I Jn.1:9

Hebrews 13:15 Through Him, therefore, **let us offer God a sacrifice of praise** continually. For this is the natural product of lips that acknowledge His name. CJB

Do good and Share – Do the next right thing & koinonia = commune, contribute, fellowship, community

Hebrews 13:15 Through Jesus, then, let us keep offering to God our own sacrifice, the praise of lips that confess His name without ceasing. **16** Let's not neglect what is good and share what we have, for these sacrifices also please God. The Voice

I. THE SUPREMACY OF JESUS CHRIST

1. The Word of GOD
2. The Son of GOD
3. GOD – Creator, Eternally reigning Sovereign (slide of Jesus on throne)
4. Savior
5. Apostle & High Priest
6. The Redeemer, the acceptable Sacrifice
7. The Author and The Finisher of our faith

II. JESUS CHRIST THE EVER-PRESENT HELPER

Hebrews 13:5 *Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."* **6** So we may boldly say: "**The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.** What can man do to me?"

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III. JESUS CHRIST THE IMMUTABLE ONE

Hebrews 13:7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of *their* conduct. **8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.** **9** Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. **For it is good that the heart be established by grace,** not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them. **10** We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. **11** For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. **12 Therefore** Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. **13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.** **14** For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

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Remember the example of those who led you (v.17 present leaders – leaders of congregations not individuals – leaders are not autocratic chiefs lording it over a church family – they are to be servants of JESUS CHRIST as HE exercises HIS Ministry

of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher through them to the maturing of all – Ephesians 4:1-16)

JESUS – JESUS – JESUS – ever the same!

GRACE – NOT WORKS OR BY THE LAW! (Doctrines = false doctrines)

Stay focused on JESUS CHRIST, The Author & The Finisher of your faith!

Hebrews 13:20 Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, **21** make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. NKJV