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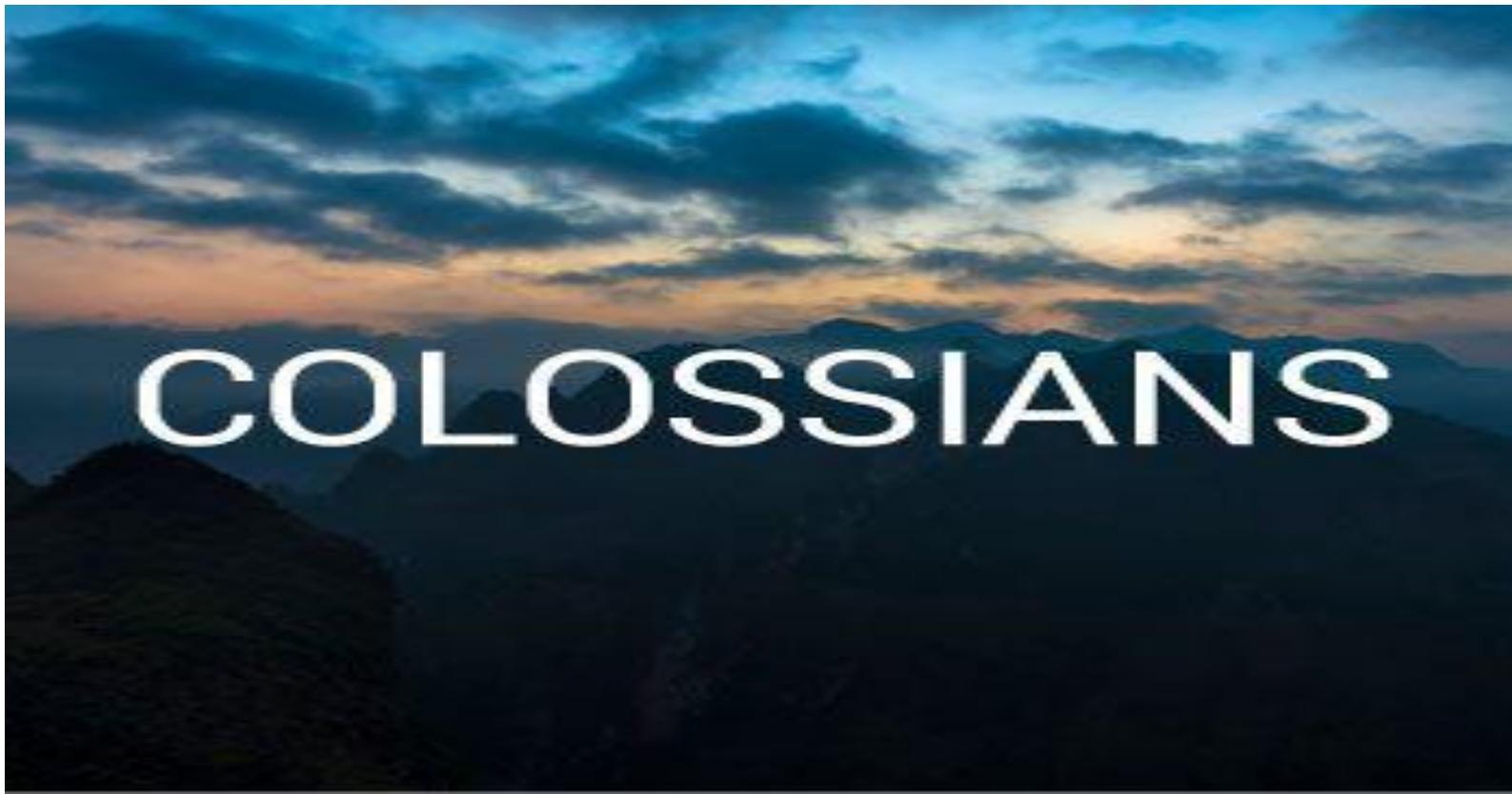


**“The surest sign that you are carrying a full bucket is wet feet.”**

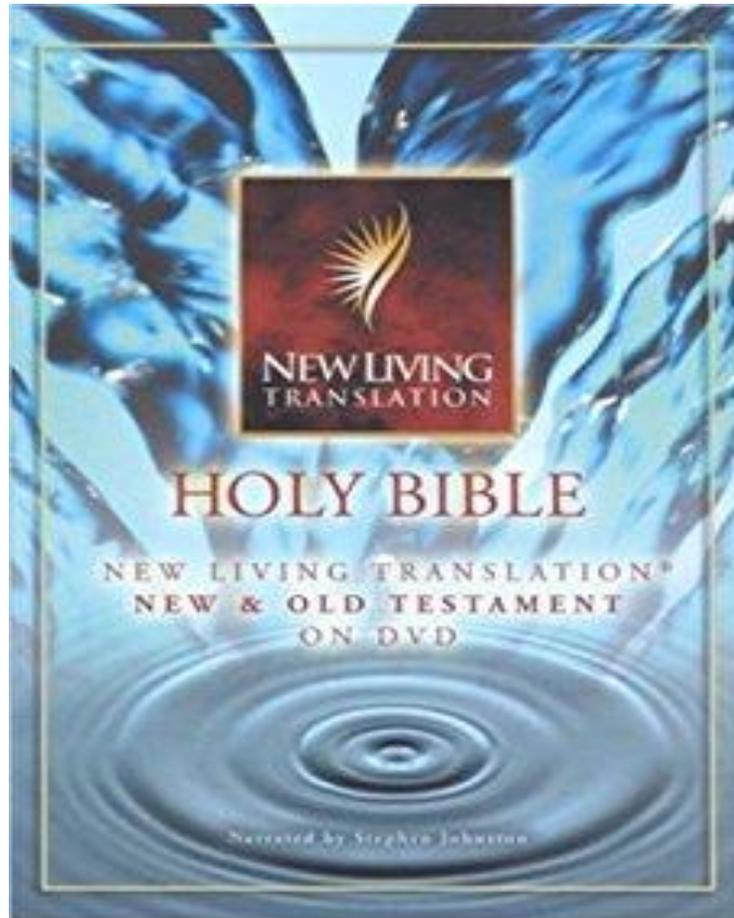
# Ephesians 5:18-21

“And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

# Thankfulness Theme



# Colossians 3:15-17



# I. Submitting To God With Thanks (15)

## Kingdom Living Is All About Peace

**“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men” (Romans 14:17-18).**

# Peace Should Be Our Goal

**“Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you” (II Corinthians 13:11).**

# Ephesians 4:3

**“Eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” – ESV**

**“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace” – NIV**

**“Giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” – ASV**

# Rule: Umpire, Determine, Or Arbitrate



# Making Peace



# **“And Thankful, Continually Become”**

**“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it” (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).**

## II. Singing To God With Thanks (16)

- A. Richly – In Abundance
- B. Dwell – Be At Home; Freedom To Enter
- C. Teaching – Positively To Explain
- D. Admonishing – Negatively To Exhort

# Four Responsibilities To The Word

1. Hear It (Matthew)
2. Handle It (II Timothy 2:15)
3. Hide It (Psalm 119:11)
4. Hold Fast To It (Philippians 2:16)

# Relationship Of The Word & Song

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# Psalms, Hymns, & Spiritual Songs

Psalms – Chords, A Striking

Hymns – Content, Sacred Praise

Spiritual Songs – Character On The Lord

# With Thankfulness

**“But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord” (Jonah 2:9).**

### III. Serving God With Thanks (17)

**“Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ” (Colossians 3:23-24).**

**“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God” (I Corinthians 10:31).**

# Speaking & Serving Gifts

**“Whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”**

**(1 Peter 4:11)**

# The Name Of The Lord Jesus

**“Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name” (Acts 5:31).**

**“For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles.”**

**(III John 7)**

# For His Praise

**“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”**

**(Hebrews 13:15)**

# Our Purpose As Believers

**“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”**

**(1 Peter 2:9)**

# Knowing God's Plan

**“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).**