

# We Give Thanks



Colossians 1:3-14



Why our National Day of Thanksgiving..

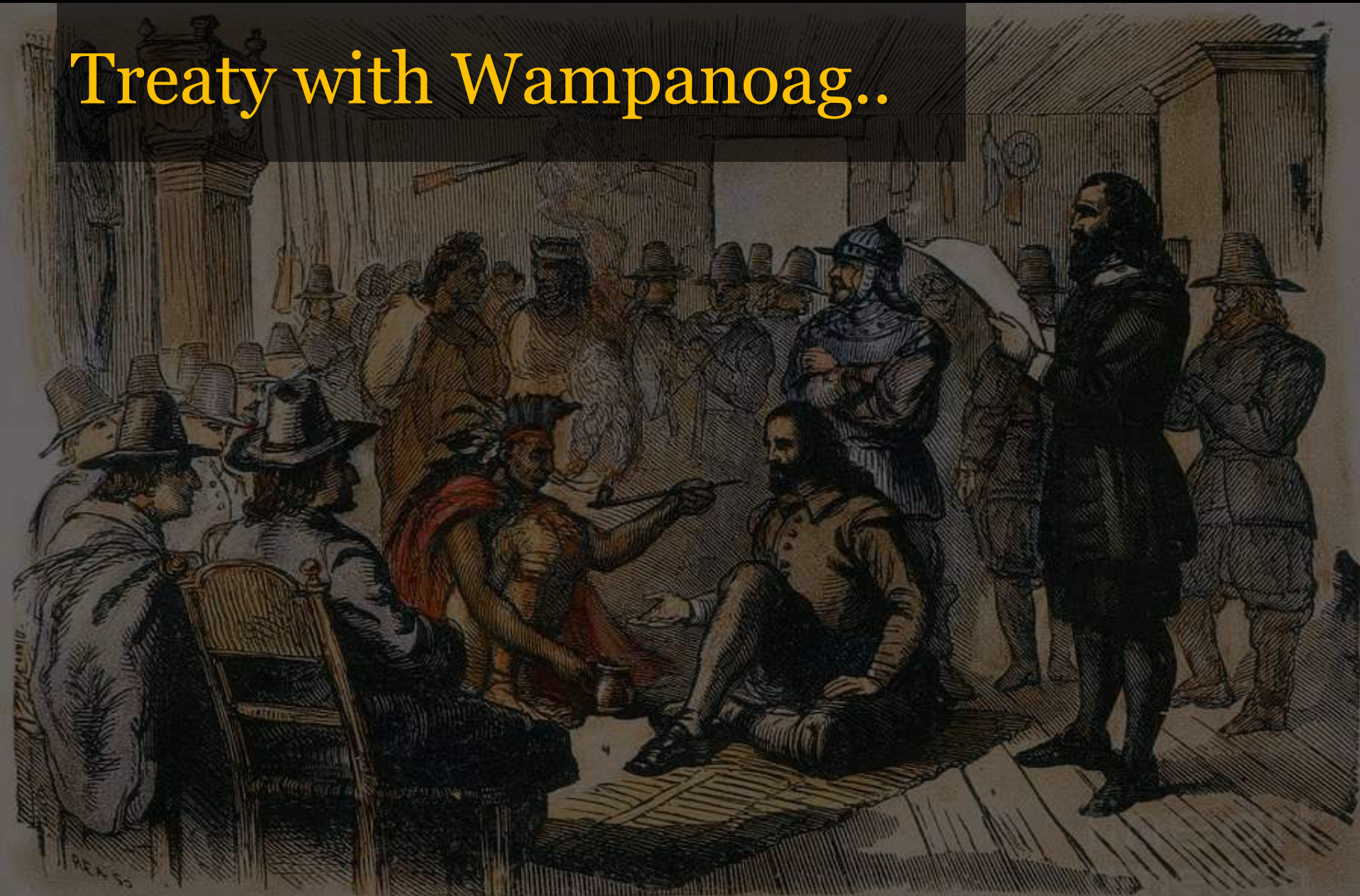


# Pilgrims.. November 1620





# Treaty with Wampanoag..



TREATY OF THE PILGRIMS WITH MASSASOIT.



# The story of Thanksgiving

- Governor William Bradford..

"...may well evince the vanity of that conceit of Plato's and other ancients applauded by some of later times; and that the taking away of property and bringing in community into a commonwealth would make them happy and flourishing; as if they were wiser than God. For this community (so far as it was) was found to breed much confusion and discontent and retard much employment that would have been to their benefit and comfort. For the young men, that were most able and fit for labor and service, did repine that they should spend their time and strength to work for other men's wives and children without any recompense.

William Bradford: History of Plymouth Plantation, c. 1630



Gave each family their own land to grow crops..

# The story of Thanksgiving

- Governor William Bradford..



All crops planted and growing well until July..

Day of humiliation, prayer..



Bradford set November 29 to give thanks to God..



# National Proclamation..

## General Thanksgiving,

BY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
A PROCLAMATION.

**W**HEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God---to obey his will---to be grateful for his benefits---and humbly to implore his protection and favour: And whereas both Houses have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States, a DAY of PUBLIC THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"



Proclaimed by Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt..



# Danger of forgetting the Lord..

- **Deut 8:11-14** **11** "Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, **12** lest--when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; **13** and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multi-plied, and all that you have is multiplied; **14** when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage..

# Danger of forgetting the Lord..

- **Psalm 103:1-5** Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! **2** Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: **3** Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, **4** Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies, **5** Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

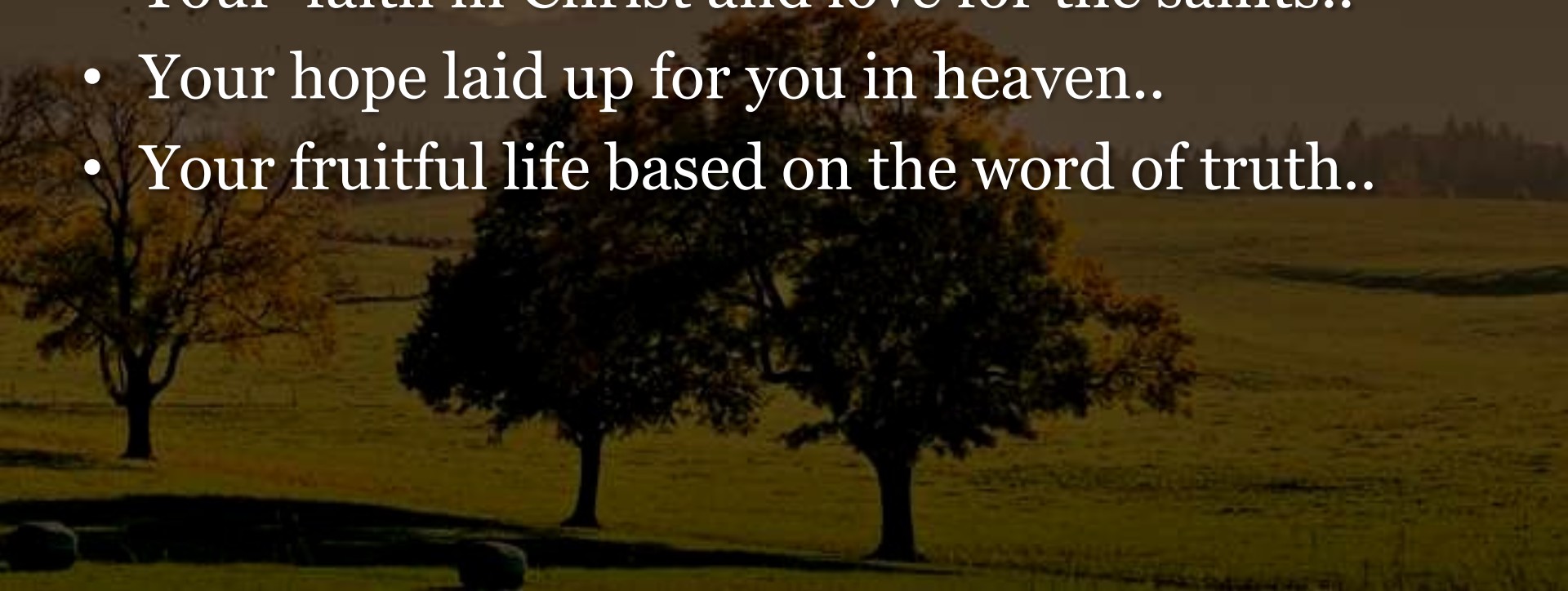


# We give thanks for each other..

- **Colossians 1:3-8** We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, **4** since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; **5** because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, **6** which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth..

## We give thanks (vs 3-8)..

- You heard the gospel and obeyed..
- Your faith in Christ and love for the saints..
- Your hope laid up for you in heaven..
- Your fruitful life based on the word of truth..



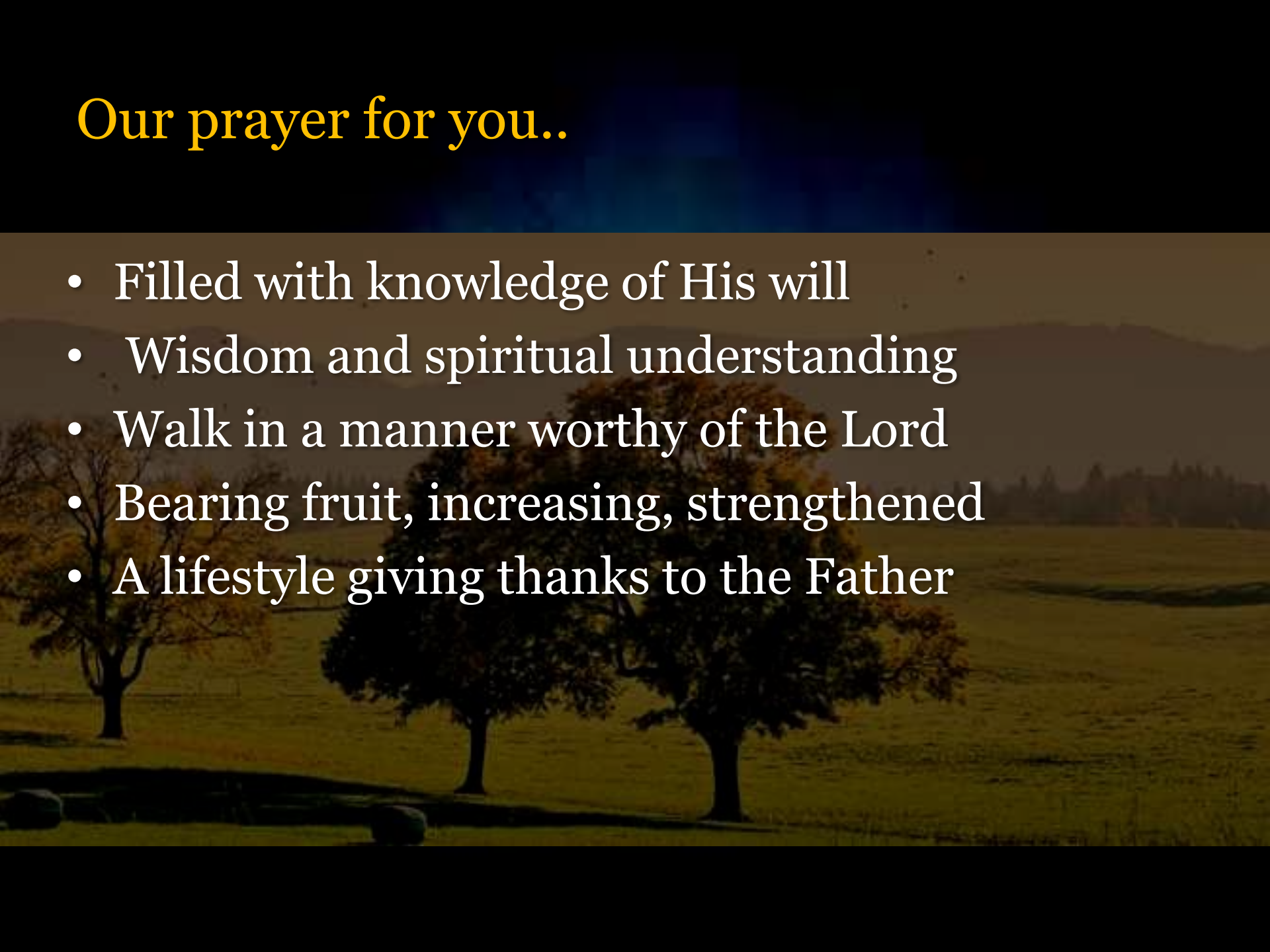


## Prayer for your growth (9-14)..

- **Col 1:9-11** For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; **10** that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy..

# Our prayer for you..

- Filled with knowledge of His will
- Wisdom and spiritual understanding
- Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord
- Bearing fruit, increasing, strengthened
- A lifestyle giving thanks to the Father





# Thankfulness ..

- **Col 2:6-7** As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 7 rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
- **Col 3:15-16** And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. **16** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

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