



NEW COVENANT CHURCH

Giving Thanks

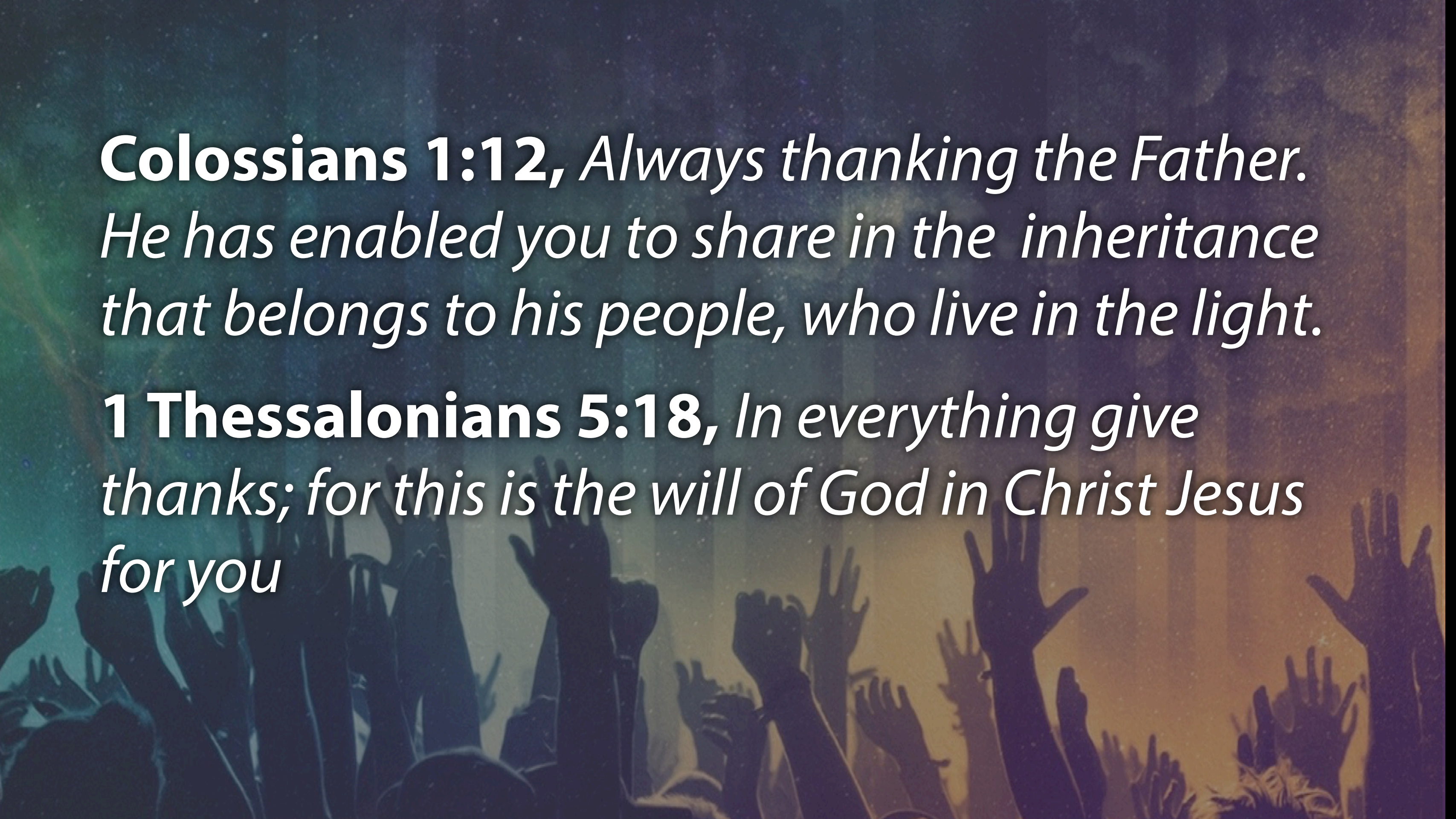
Not Only A Day – A Foundation

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He has enabled you to share in the inheritance
that belongs to his people, who live in the light.*

1 Thessalonians 5:18, *In everything give
thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
for you*

Giving Thanks keeps your heart clear

Romans 1:21 *For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.*



FOUNDATIONS FOR THANKSGIVING

Leviticus 7:11 *'This is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall (or "may offer") offer to the Lord: 12 If he **offers it for a thanksgiving**, then he shall offer, with **the sacrifice of thanksgiving**, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers anointed with oil, or cakes of blended flour mixed with oil. 13 Besides the cakes, as his offering he shall offer leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offering.*

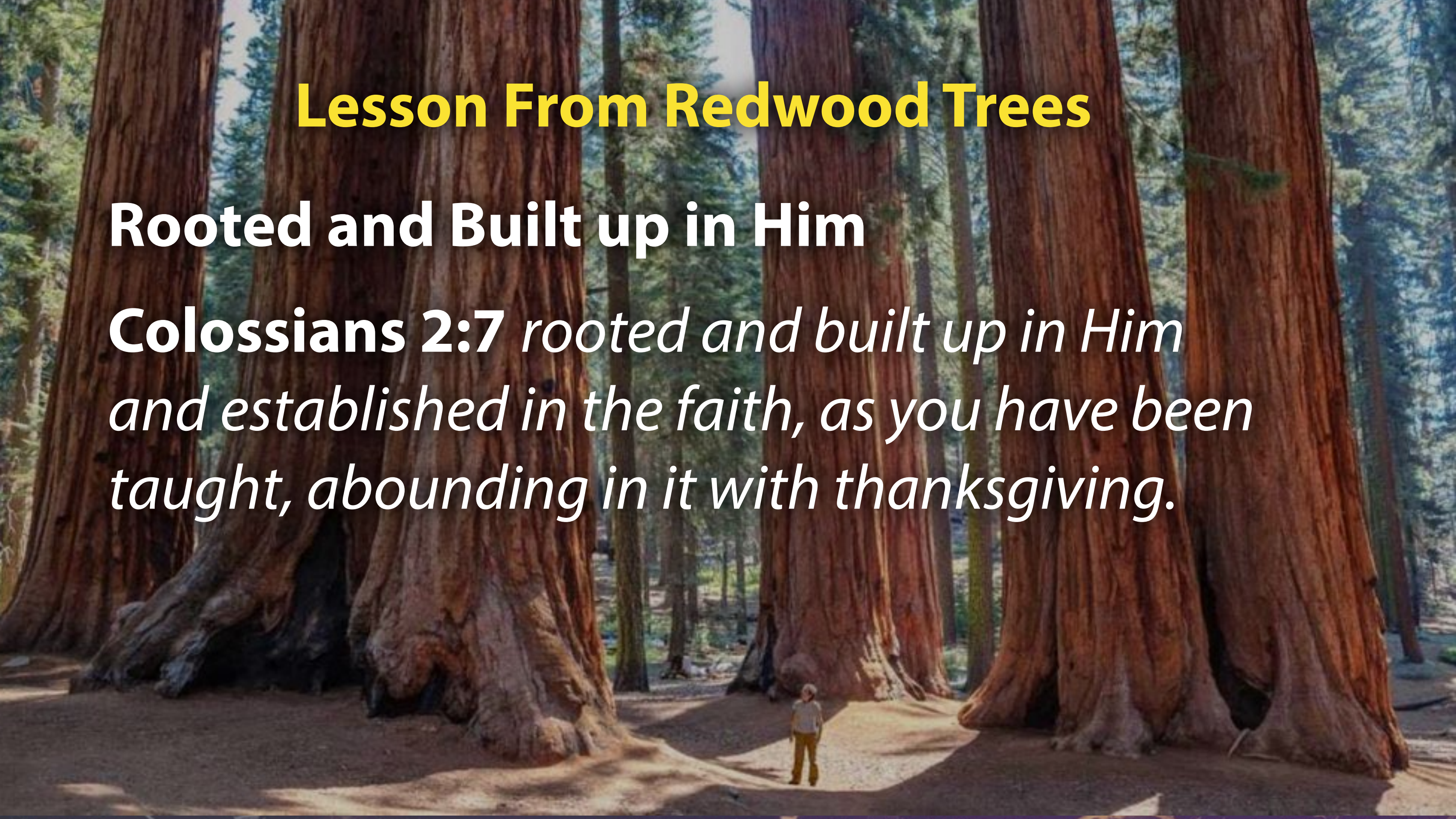
The **peace offering** was different because it was not connected to people offerings made for sins, rituals or dedication.

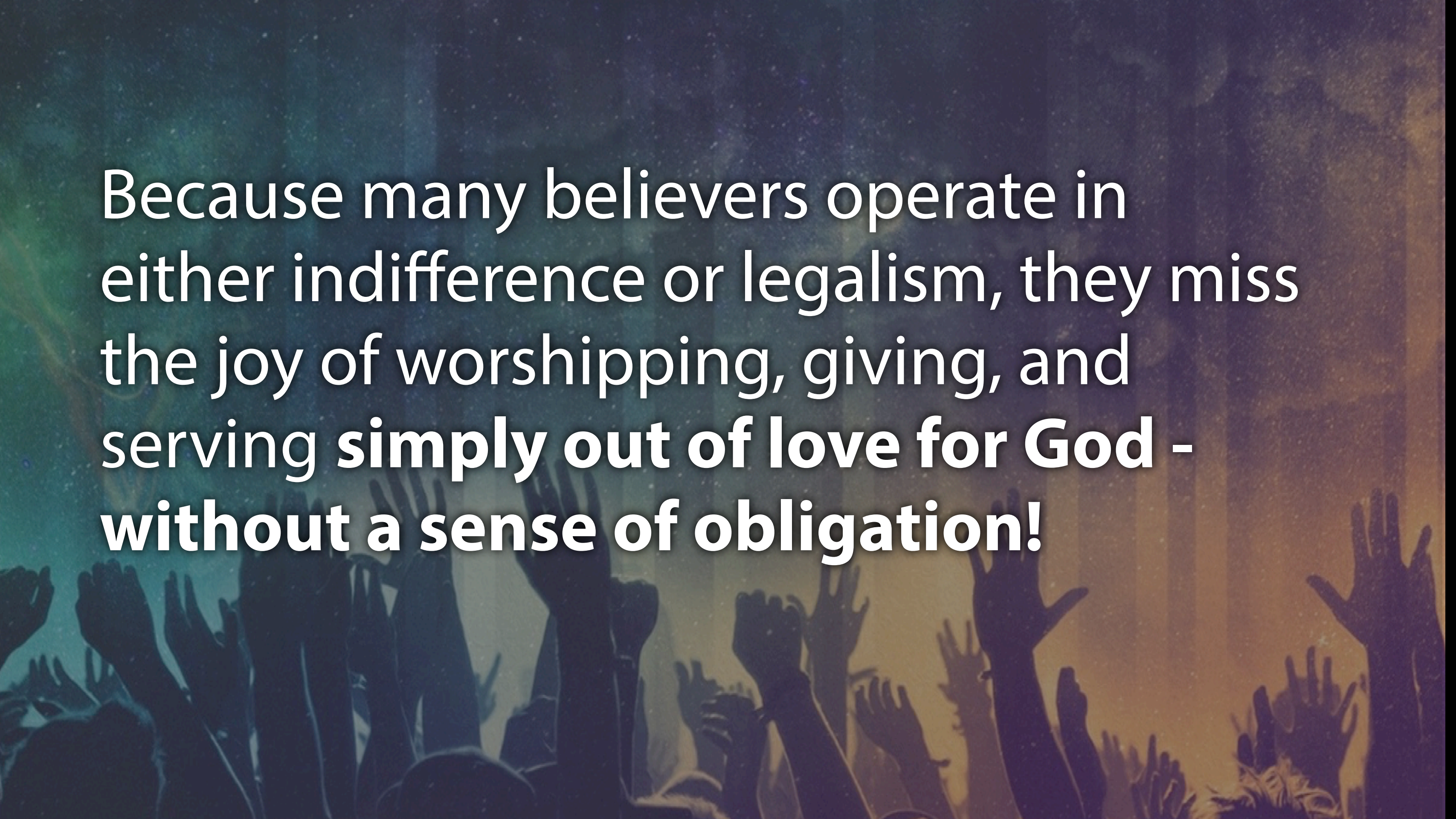
The **peace offering or thanksgiving offering** was spontaneous, from the heart, and could be done at any time.

Lesson From Redwood Trees

Rooted and Built up in Him

Colossians 2:7 *rooted and built up in Him
and established in the faith, as you have been
taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.*



The background of the image is a composite of two scenes. The upper portion shows a dark, starry night sky with a subtle gradient from deep blue on the left to a warm, golden-brown on the right. The lower portion features a dense crowd of people, their hands raised in a gesture of worship or praise. The hands are silhouetted against the lighter, warmer background, creating a sense of collective movement and devotion. The overall mood is spiritual and uplifting.

Because many believers operate in either indifference or legalism, they miss the joy of worshipping, giving, and serving **simply out of love for God - without a sense of obligation!**

**Every offering should be a peace
(thanksgiving) offering!**

Hebrews 13:15

*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.*

David understood peace offerings

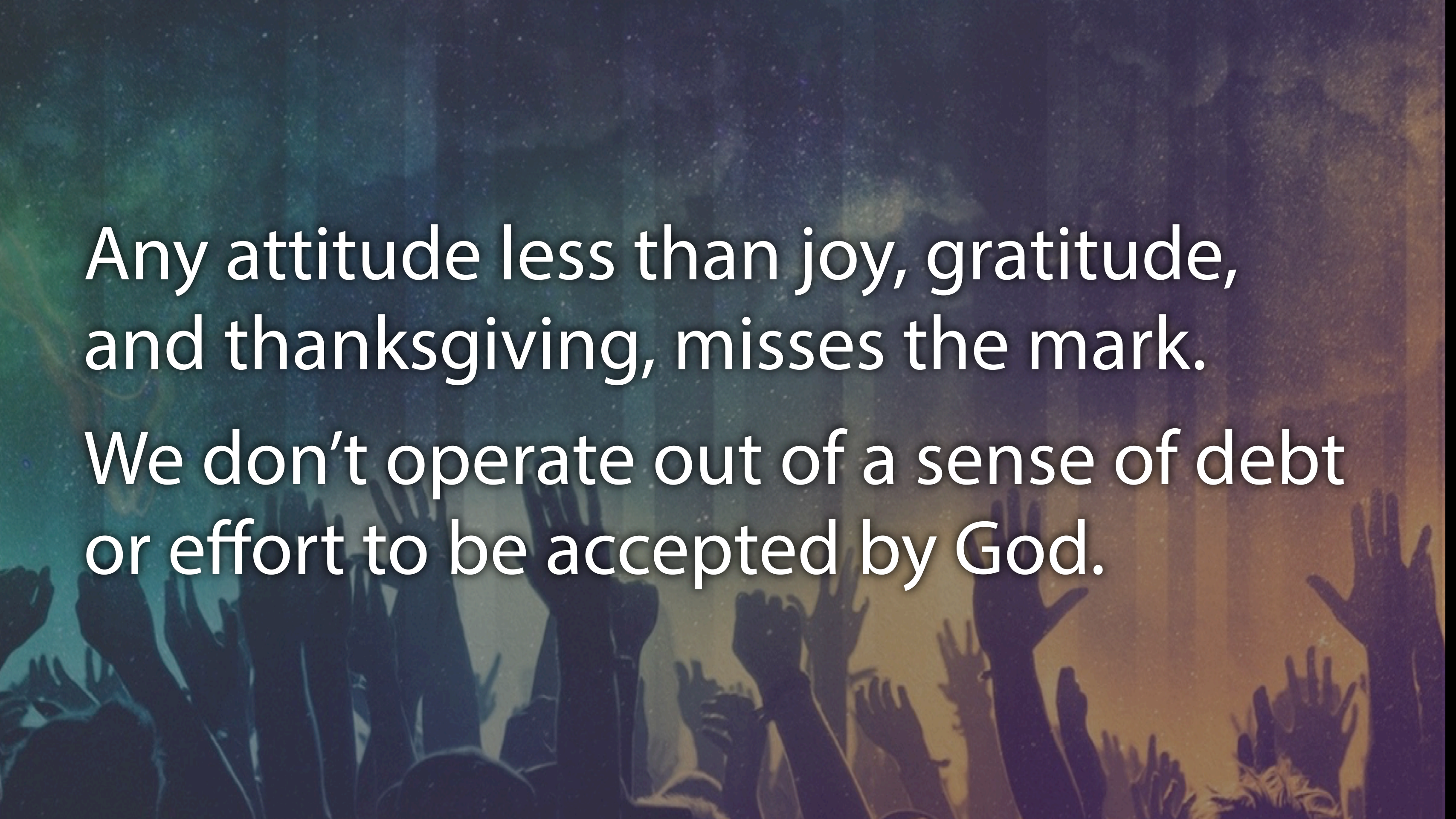
Psalm 27:5

*For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion;
In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He
shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head shall
be lifted up above my enemies all around me; **Therefore I
will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing,
yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.***

Paul understood peace offerings:

2 Corinthians 9:7

So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

The background of the image is a vibrant, abstract scene. It features a crowd of people from the chest up, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The sky above them is a mix of deep blues, purples, and oranges, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of spiritual joy and collective celebration.

Any attitude less than joy, gratitude,
and thanksgiving, misses the mark.

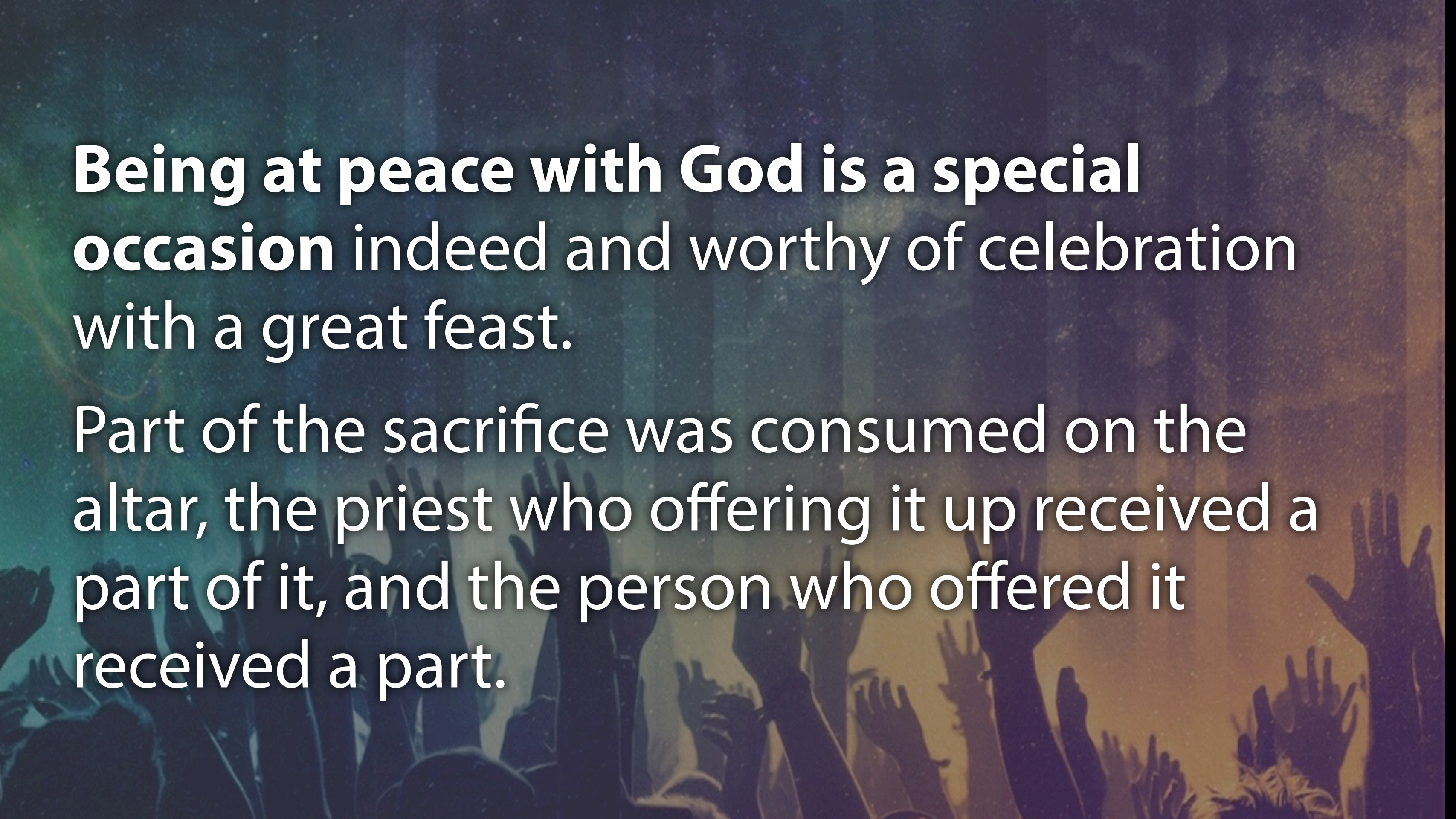
We don't operate out of a sense of debt
or effort to be accepted by God.

We are already “accepted,” not trying to be accepted.

Ephesians 1:5, *having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, 6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.*

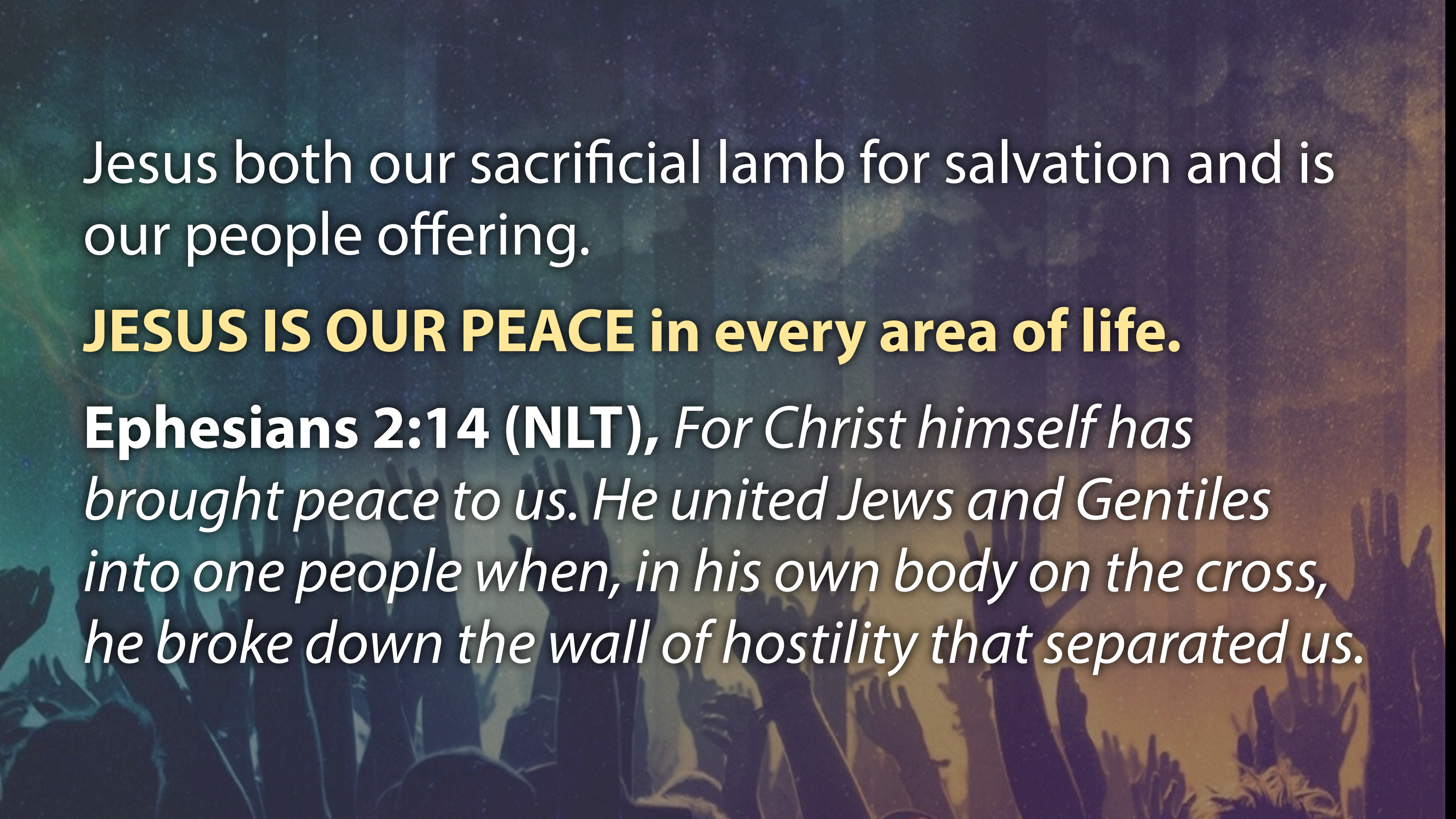
Three Types of Peace (Thanksgiving) Offerings

1. **For thanksgiving** as a commitment completion, and as a free expression of the worshiper's goodwill
2. **Freewill offerings** given in response to God's unexpected or unsought generosity.
3. The peace offering was **the only sacrifice worshipers could eat.**

The background of the image is a composite of two scenes. The upper portion shows a dark, starry night sky with a subtle nebula-like glow in shades of blue and purple. The lower portion shows a crowd of people from behind, with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or worship. The lighting on the crowd is warm and golden, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is one of spiritual celebration and awe.

Being at peace with God is a special occasion indeed and worthy of celebration with a great feast.

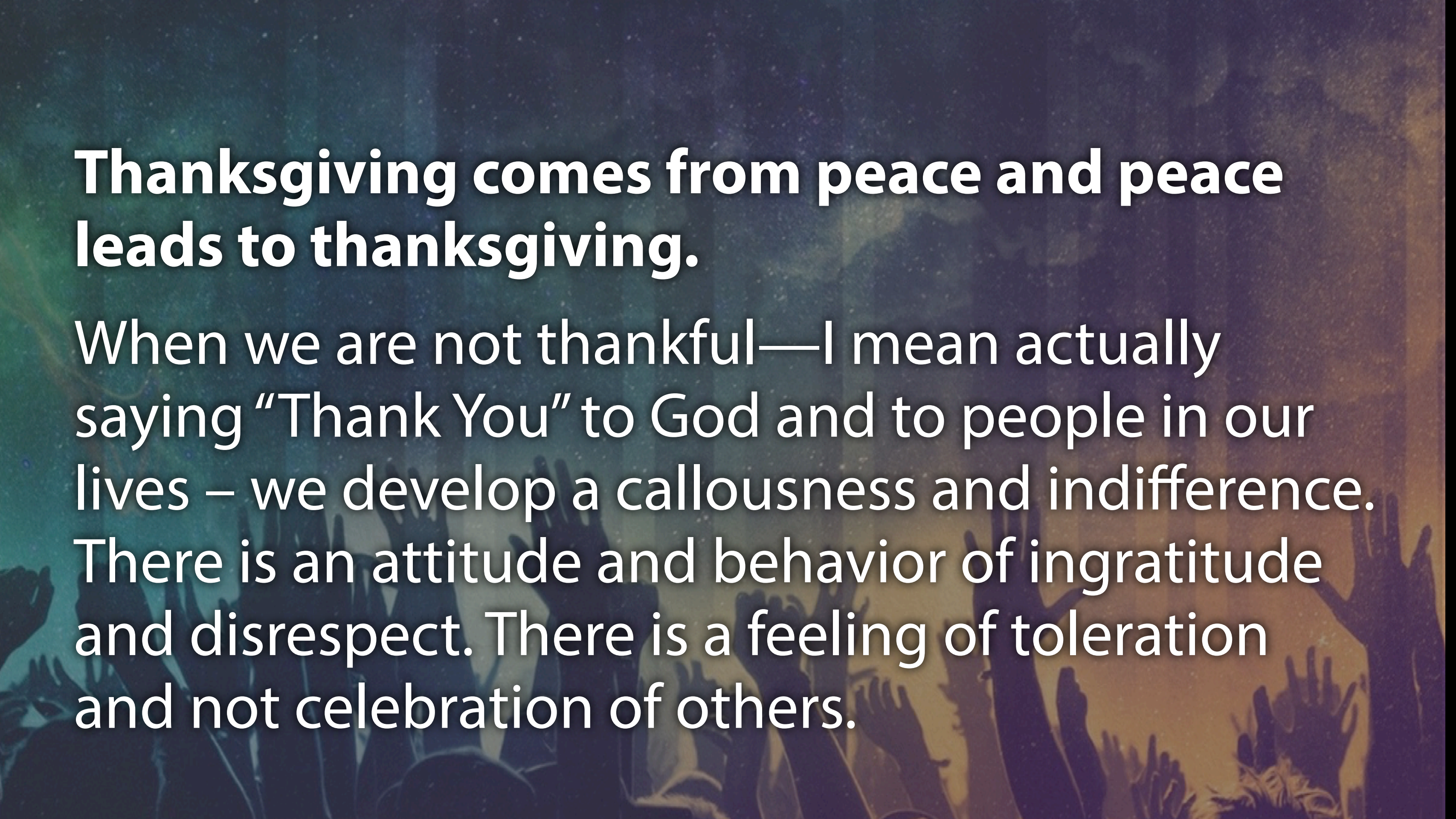
Part of the sacrifice was consumed on the altar, the priest who offering it up received a part of it, and the person who offered it received a part.

The background of the entire image is a photograph of a large crowd of people, likely at a religious gathering or concert. Many of the people's hands are raised in the air, creating a sense of collective worship or celebration. The lighting is dim, with a warm, golden glow emanating from the right side, possibly from stage lights or a sunset. The overall mood is one of unity and spiritual fervor.

Jesus both our sacrificial lamb for salvation and is our people offering.

JESUS IS OUR PEACE in every area of life.

Ephesians 2:14 (NLT), *For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.*

The background of the image is a dark, textured surface with a gradient of blue, purple, and green. Overlaid on this background is a faint, semi-transparent image of a crowd of people with their hands raised, suggesting a religious or celebratory gathering. The text is white and bold, with a slight shadow effect.

Thanksgiving comes from peace and peace leads to thanksgiving.

When we are not thankful—I mean actually saying “Thank You” to God and to people in our lives – we develop a callousness and indifference. There is an attitude and behavior of ingratitude and disrespect. There is a feeling of toleration and not celebration of others.

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Because of giving thanks
we always experience:

Coram Deo – “In the presence of God”

Peace with God is a cause for perpetual joy.