"Thanksgiving For The Lord's Saving Goodness"
Psalm 118:1-29

This psalm completes the group of *Hallel* songs—song of accent (Ps. 113-118). Possibly Psalm 118 was written for the Feast of Tabernacles, perhaps even the first celebration of that Feast when the people returned from the Exile. It can be said that the contents describe a festal procession to the   sanctuary to sacrifice to and praise the Lord. Because the song was sung at the festivals, expressions in the psalm were on the lips of the people at Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the Passion Week; Matt. 21:9). Also this psalm may have been sung in the Upper Room after the Lord's   Supper (Matt. 26:30).

This psalm in its Old Testament setting, however, was a song for praising the Lord's loyal love. The psalmist   recounted how the Lord triumphed over all the nations   surrounding Israel. Then he exulted in the fact that their   salvation was God's marvelous work and that the stone which the builders rejected had become the prominent part of God's work, which points to salvation in Christ Jesus.

I. Praise for God's loyal love vs. 1-4
>   Gal. 6:14-16
>   Romans 5:6-11
>   1 Peter 2:9-10
>   Hebrew 13:15-16

• How do you thank God for His everlasting love?

II. God is my refuge vs. 5-9
>   Hebrews 13:5-6
>   Romans 8:31-32
>   Psalm 62:8
>   Jeremiah 17:5-7

• In what ways do you thank God, because He is worthy of your trust?

III. For God is my strength vs. 10-14
Eph. 1:18-21; 6:10
1 Peter 4:11
Col. 1:9-12
Phil. 4:13

• How do you expenses gratitude for the Lord's strength?

IV. I will tell of the works of the Lord vs. 15-18
1 John 1:3
Col. 1:28
Acts 13:38
Hebrews 12:7, 11

• In what way has a heart of gratitude helped you share about your
    relationship with God?

V. We are the children of God vs. 19-24
Acts 4:1-12
1 Peter 2:4-8
Eph. 2:20-22
2 Cor. 5:21-6:4
Psalm 100

• How does thankfulness for salvation effect your daily life?

VI. Give thanks to the Lord for He is good vs. 25-29
Isaiah 63:7
Eph. 5:8-10

• Talk to each other today about the goodness of our God and give thanks.