

Precious Priests

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Big Idea: You are precious priests built to offer spiritual sacrifices

1 Peter 2:4-5

4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Accepted: We Are the Temple: We are all the temple if you are in Christ.

1 Peter 2:6-7

6 For it stands in Scripture:
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”
7 So the honor is for you who believe,

1 Peter 2:9

9 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.

Accepted: We Are God’s Possession.

Accepted: We Are Priests

Role of the Priest: Represent the people to God and God to the people.

Intercession: Sacrifice, Prayer, and Blessing (Num. 6:22-27, 18) His personal power and life presence that brings abundance

- Praise: (1 Chron. 15:16)
- Judge (Deut. 17:9)
- Teach (Lev. 10:11)

1 Peter 2:11-12 (NIV)

11 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

1 Peter 2:5

5 You also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Rule of Life: Offer Spiritual Sacrifices

Romans 12:1 (NIV)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Spiritual Sacrifices

1. **Worshiping** - Hebrews 13:15

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

2. **Praying** - 1 Timothy 2:1-5
3. **Sharing** - Hebrews 13:16
4. **Encouraging** - Hebrews 3:13
5. **Comforting** - 2 Corinthians 1:3-6
6. **Proclaiming** - 1 Peter 2:9