

MESSAGE

Occasion : Prayer Service
Date : June 26, 2007 / March 10, 2016

TITLE : ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICES
Text/s :

1 Pet 2:5

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
(KJV)

Bible Reading :

Song/s :

INTRODUCTION

This text instructs us that as a corporate church, and as individuals, we are designed for the purpose of offering up acceptable sacrifices to God. These are not animal sacrifices but “spiritual” sacrifices made “acceptable” to God by Jesus Christ.

What sacrifices are these?

A) Prayer is an acceptable sacrifice to God

Rev 8:4

4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.
(KJV)

Rev 5:8

8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.
(KJV)

Ps 141:2

2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
(KJV)

B) Praise is an acceptable sacrifice

Heb 13:15

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.
(KJV)

Ps 50:23

23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.
(KJV)

Ps 69:30-31

30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.
31 This also shall please the LORD better than an ox or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
(KJV)

Ps 107:21-22

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.
(KJV)

Ps 116:17-18

17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people,
(KJV)

Ps 136:1-3

1 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.
(KJV)

Eph 5:19-20

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
(KJV)

Col 3:16

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.
(KJV)

C) Beneficial (good) service is an acceptable sacrifice to God

Heb 13:16

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.
(KJV)

Eph 2:10

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.
(KJV)

Heb 6:10-11

10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

11 And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end:

KJV

Luke 6:35

35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.

(KJV)

1 Thess 4:9-10

9 But as touching brotherly love ye need not that I write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another.

10 And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia: but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more;

KJV

Gal 6:10

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

(KJV)

Matt 25:40

40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

KJV

1Thes 5:15

15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

(KJV)

II Th 3:13

13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well doing.

(KJV)

Rom 12:13

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

(KJV)

D) Giving is an acceptable sacrifice to God

Heb 13:16

16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

(KJV)

Gal 6:6-9

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

(KJV)

Eph 4:28

28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

(KJV)

Phil 4:14-19

14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction.

15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

19 But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

(KJV)

2 Cor 9:12

12 For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

(KJV)

E) The consecration ourselves as living sacrifices is an acceptable sacrifice to God

Rom 12:1

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

(KJV)

Rom 6:13

13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

(KJV)

Phil 1:20-21

20 According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

(KJV)