

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text and reading: **1Peter 2:1-10**.
- B. 1Peter 2:5 says that those of us who are living stones, and who are being built up as a spiritual house, are to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through JC.
- C. Remember that we are a spiritual house not a physical one. People are the church, and we come to the assembly, not to the church.
- D. Our sacrifices are so much better under this covenant than the old;
 1. Under the old covenant sacrifices were dead, bloody, burned with fire, smeared with fat, carnal, temporal, and sprinkled with salt (Lev. 2:13; Mk. 12:49).
 2. But under the new covenant the sacrifices are spiritual, living, clean, pure, holy, and acceptable to God (Rom. 12:1-2).
 3. All of them being lesser sacrifices due to Christ Himself making the supreme sacrifice, that being of Himself (Heb. 9:23).
- E. Since we have the better covenant, and we are the people (priests) of God, let us know what and how to make the spiritual sacrifices required.

TEN KINDS OF SACRIFICES TO BE OFFERED.

- A. The word sacrifice appears many places in the NT and refers to part of the Christian's service to God.
- B. These ten are:
 1. Our faith is a sacrifice (Phil. 2:17).
Paul wants to be part of the sacrificial offering of faith by which the Philippians are giving to God.
 2. The love of God is our sacrifice (Mk. 12:33).
Love is all things, and above all things concerning OT sacrifices.
 3. Our repentance is a sacrifice (Hos. 14:2; 2Chr. 7:14; Ac. 8:22).
Repentance is the hardest part of obedience, initial or after conversion.
 4. Our confession of faith is a sacrifice (Heb. 13:15-16; 1Pet. 4:11).
 5. Our baptism into Christ is our sacrifice (Rom. 12:1; Heb. 10:19-22).
We must sacrifice ourselves to share in His death, and raising.
 6. Our praise of God is our sacrifice (Psa. 107:22; 116:17-19; Jer. 17:26; Heb. 13:15).
Tearing one another down, being critical, etc., is beyond the role of a NT priest giving sacrifice.
 7. Our contributions are sacrifices (Phil. 4:18).
Sacrificial giving is always acceptable to God, and can result in greater blessings (2Cor. 9:8).
 8. Our songs are our sacrifices (Col. 3:16).
Since songs are sung unto God, they may be considered as sacrifices; see Heb. 13:15.
 9. Our prayers are our sacrifices (Rev. 5:8; Mal. 1:11).
Incense is an offering to God.
 10. The whole life of honor and love on the part of Christians is a sacrifice to God (2Tim. 4:6; Rom. 12:1; Lk. 9:23; Eph. 5:2).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. We have seen that the sacrifices of a NT priest are different than that of the OT priest, but that sacrifices must be offered nevertheless (Rom. 15:16; 1Pet. 2:5).
- B. These spiritual sacrifices include:
faith, love, repentance, confession, baptism, praise, contributions, songs, prayers, and our whole life.
- C. Remember that these sacrifices done by the priest are acceptable. One who is not a NT priest (a Christian) cannot offer acceptable sacrifices.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.

