

Living Sacrifices

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Hebrews 13:15-16

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Our pastor addresses believers on HOW we live lives by offering up a sacrifice of praise.

1. Everything Good we do in life is through Christ

- “Through Him” is key!
- Old Covenant: ordinances and ceremonies pointed to Jesus
- New: Jesus has done everything, we now just offer praise
- We only come to God through blood sacrifice^{Gen4:3-4; Heb 9:22}
- Come to God through Jesus’ perfect sacrifice

2. Through Christ, we should continually offer continual sacrifices of praise

- Psalms – filled w/ commands to “Praise the Lord”
- In Christ we have a better way through Christ to praise!
- We can’t fake praise^{Heb4:13}, God knows our hearts
- Beware of Satan’s lies^{Gen3:5}, remember God is Good^{Ps145:9}
- Acknowledge His name – confess = same mind as God
- We are accepted because we are in Christ^{2Tim1:9}

3. Don’t steal God’s glory, acknowledge His grace in your life

- Remember the Gospel^{Eph2:8-10}
- None of us are good^{Mk10:18; Rom3:10,12} we need Jesus
- We can neglect when we lose sight of God’s goodness^{Heb13:16}

4. Through Christ, we do can do good and share, that is pleasing to our Heavenly Father

- We don’t do good to commend ourselves to God
- We do good out of gratitude for what God has done^{Heb10:10}

5. Gospel Focus – We do this in union with Christ

- Union with Christ
- We are to abide in Christ^{Jn15:4-7; 1Cor15:22; Gal3:28; Eph1:4}
- Not only are we in Christ...
- but He is in us^{Jn6:56; Rm8:10; 2Cor13:5; Gal2:20}
- Think Vine illustration^{Jn15:1-5} living out your life!