

## Christian Worship Happens When We Draw Near Jesus by...

- Serving as a Member of a Local Church
- As You Offer Every Moment of Every Day to God (Cf. Romans 12:1–2)
- Gathering for Public Worship with Other “Living Stones”
  - ✓ Declaring Our Trust & Submission
  - ✓ Consider the Order of Our Service

### \* God Calls His People to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

\*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy!* # 55

### *Washing with the Word & Spirit*

\*Scripture Reading Psalm 91:1–16

Prayer of Confession (Cf. Ezra 9:6; Isaiah 55:6a)

\*Hymn *My Hope Is in the Lord* # 51

### *Set Apart by/for the Glory of God’s Anointed King*

\*Scripture Reading 1 Peter 2:4–5

Message: *We are a Holy Priesthood: Worship is Our Life*

\*Hymn *Before the Throne of God Above* Insert

\*Hymn *I Surrender All* # 378

### *The Joy of Communion with God*

(*Offering Our Faith*) New City Catechism Question 22

Evidence of Grace

We Offer the Work of Our Hands (*Offering Our Life/Work*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

The Prayers of the Church (*Casting Our Cares Upon Him*)

God Invites Us to Share His Table (*Feasting at His Table*)

### *Sent Out to Display God’s Glory*

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings* # 554

\*Benediction (God’s Promised Blessing) 1 Peter 5:6-7, 10-11

## Our Christian Identity: 1 Peter

[#5] *We are a Holy Priesthood: Worship is Our Life* – 1 Peter 2:4-5

### Sermon Outline – July 3, 2016

#### Children’s Sermon: Offering Sacrifices?

- ❖ What did Cain & Abel offer to God (Gen. 4:3–5)?
- ❖ Who else do we see bringing offerings in the OT? (Noah – Gen. 8:20–21, Job 1:5; Abraham...)

#### Hebrews 11:4–6

<sup>4</sup> **By faith** Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. ...

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would **draw near to God** must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Notes:

#### 1 Peter 2:4–5

What is a New Covenant “holy priesthood”?

What are “spiritual sacrifices”?

How can we make sure these are “acceptable to God”?

#### Today’s Biblical Bullet...

God is pleased when...

we offer Jesus as our unblemished lamb  
and ourselves as living sacrifices.

#### 1 Peter 1:15

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct...

#### A Call to Worship:

#### *The Where, Who & What of Worship*

#### Where do We Worship? (OT vs. NT)

#### Deuteronomy 12:11

...to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes...

<sup>4</sup> *As you* (pl.) *come* (present participle) to him, a living stone...<sup>5</sup> you (pl.) yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house...

- Jesus is the Place We Meet with God
- Therefore...We are the Place... (Gathered & Scattered)  
(Cf. Understanding The Congregations Authority)

### **Who Can Worship? Who Has Been Appointed...?**

<sup>5</sup> you (pl.) yourselves... **are being built up**... to be a *holy priesthood*...

- Jesus is Our High Priest (Cf. Heb. 4:14–5:4; 6:19–20)
- Priesthood of All Believers!

### **Hebrews 10:19–22**

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, *since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,* <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us *through the curtain,* that is, *through his flesh,* <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

**What do We Offer to God in Our Worship? “sacrifices”**  
...to offer *spiritual sacrifices* acceptable to God *through Jesus Christ.*

### **What make our “sacrifices acceptable to God”?**

#### **1st – We Offer Jesus to God “...through Jesus Christ”**

- Jesus is Our **Sin/Burnt Offering**...

### **Hebrews 13:10–16**

<sup>10</sup> *We have an altar* from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. (Cf. Lev. 6:30) <sup>11</sup> For the bodies of those animals *whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin* are burned outside the camp. <sup>12</sup> So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

### **What specifically did Jesus offer to God?**

### **Hebrews 10:5–7**

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, “*Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;* <sup>6</sup> *in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.* <sup>7</sup> *Then I*

said, ‘*Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.*’ ”

### **Jesus Offered His Obedient Life to God** **We Offer Jesus’ Obedient Life to God**

### **We Offer Jesus to God in Our Gathered Worship...**

- ✓ We Thank God for What We Have...  
(Prayers/Songs of Adoration, Thanksgiving)
- ✓ We Trust God for What We Need...  
(Confession, Intercession)

### **We Offer Jesus to God Every Day... (in Jesus Name)**

- ✓ When We Acknowledge & Give Thanks to God
- ✓ When We Give & Receive Forgiveness

### **In Jesus We Trust & Hope**

#### **2nd – We Offer God Ourselves “spiritual sacrifices”**

- From the OT Picture to NT Reality (**The Holy Spirit**)
  - ✓ The Priests (Washed: Ex. 29:4; 30:17–21)
  - ✓ Grain Offering (Salt: Lev. 2:13)
  - ✓ The Altar (Fire)

### **Hebrews 13:10–16**

<sup>13</sup> Therefore let us go to [Jesus] outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. <sup>14</sup> For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. <sup>15</sup> *Through him* then *let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,* that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. <sup>16</sup> *Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,* for such *sacrifices* are *pleasing to God.*

### **Summary: Jesus is for us and in us!**

[We] offer *spiritual sacrifices* acceptable to God *through Jesus Christ.*

### **What Does Christian Worship Look Like?**

...Fired at our Life & Heart  
**Offering Spiritual Sacrifices**  
We make it **our aim** to please God by giving our entire lives to God **while** trusting Jesus for us & in us.