

The Priesthood of God!

Church? Why Belong? Why Bother?

*“To him [Jesus Christ] who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
Revelation 1:5b–6 ESV*

**We are a Holy Priesthood Representing Jesus through
Our _____ in a Broken Creation!**

(Also: Ephesians 3:10)

I. We Represent Jesus _____

God’s Representative _____

*“For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.”
Hebrews 5:1 ESV*

Old Testament Priesthood was a _____

*“They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.””
Hebrews 8:5 ESV*

*“Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness... These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.”
Hebrews 9:1, 6–7 ESV*

A Old Testament System was a Picture of _____

New Testament Believers are _____ to Represent Him

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We Have _____ to God

*“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God,”
Hebrews 10:19–21 ESV*

Our Congregation Functions as God’s _____ in Our Community

II . Our Responsibility is to _____ and _____

*“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 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.”
1 Peter 2:4–5 ESV*

Our Role as Believer Priests is to _____ before God and _____ Him!

To Offer

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“A Sacrifice that Cost Nothing is Worth Nothing”

(Billy Graham)

My _____ — *“Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.”* Philippians 2:17 ESV

My _____ — *“I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.”* Philippians 4:18 ESV

My _____ — *“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”* Romans 12:1–2 ESV

My _____ — *“Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.”* Hebrews 13:15 ESV

My _____ — *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* Hebrews 4:16 ESV

My _____ — *“to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.”* Romans 15:16 ESV

“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.” 1 Peter 2:9 ESV

My _____ — *“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.”* 1 Peter 2:21 ESV

My _____ — *“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come.”* 2 Timothy 4:6 ESV

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