



Fruitful Followers of Christ

- The BAC Vision Plan -

Statement 3:
Sacrificial Living:
"The fruit of faithful Christ followers who worship, pray and give sacrificially."

Sacrificial Living, Part 1: **"Is Our Worship Acceptable?"**

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship. (Romans 12:1)

1. What sacrificial worship means:

The origins of sacrificing

Cain and Abel – Genesis 4:2-7

Patriarchal – Genesis 12:7, 8

Mosaic – Exodus 23:15

Israel's " _____ " sacrificial offerings

Burnt offering – Substitution, turns away God's wrath

Sin offering – Atonement, cleanses from sin

Guilt offering – Repays debt, makes it right

Grain/Cereal offering – Tribute, giving what is due

Peace/Fellowship Offering – Praise (thanks, vow, freewill)

Jesus' _____ of the sacrificial system

But now he (Jesus Christ) has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Hebrews 9:26)

2. What acceptable worship is:

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28, 29)

Old Testament Examples:

Acceptable: Moses and _____ – Leviticus 9

Unacceptable: Nadab and _____ – Leviticus 10

New Testament Examples:

Acceptable: _____ – Acts 4:36, 37

Unacceptable: Ananias and _____ – Acts 5:1-11

3. You know your worship is acceptable when:

❖ You are giving God your _____.

"When you bring injured, crippled or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says the LORD. "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to the Lord. For I am a great king," says the LORD Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations." (Malachi 1:13, 14)

❖ Your worship is not based on externals, but on what is " _____ ".

"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4: 23, 24)

❖ Your worship is based on _____, not others.

David said to Michal, "It was before the LORD, who chose me rather than your father or anyone from his house when he appointed me ruler over the LORD'S people Israel - I will celebrate before the LORD. I will become even more undignified than this, and I will be humiliated in my own eyes." (2 Samuel 6:21, 22)

❖ Your worship of the Lord Jesus does not begin and end at the _____.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Hebrews 13:16, 17)

4. Worship the LORD sacrificially:

"In view of God's _____ " - Romans 12:1

"Since we are receiving God's _____ " - Heb. 12:28, 29

Next week: Part 2 - "Is Our Giving Generous?"

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