**POWER POINT**

**KOINONIA: THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS  
 HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE PRIEST**

**MAIN TEXT:**

**1 Peter 2:4-5, 9**

**4**As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious.

**5**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.

**9**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.  
  
**Introduction**

i) An important principle taught in the New Testament is that of "The

Priesthood of all Believers."

ii) It is true that under the Law of Moses there was a distinction

made between priests the common people.

iii) Even today, many religions professing to be "Christian" have

developed a clergy-laity distinction. But the New Testament teaches otherwise.

**What is the Priesthood of all believers?**

It is the believe that we all have the same standing before God and that we have equal access to God, without going through anything or anyone except Jesus Christ our lord.

**I. CHRIST HAS FULFILLED ALL SACRIFICIAL REQUIREMENTS OF**

**THE LAW**

**Hebrews 10:1-18  
10**For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.

**2**Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?

**3**But in these sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins every year.

**4**For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**5**Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

**6**In burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

**7**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.’”

**8**When he said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law).

**9**Then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second.

**10**And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**11**And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

**12**But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

**13**Waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

**14**For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**15**And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

**16**“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,”

**17**Then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

**18**Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

**II. AS "A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD", OUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE TO**

**OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES.**   
  
**Note:** **Being an effective priest depends on us being consistent in offering our spiritual sacrifices**

1. **Worship**

a) **Giving ourself away**  **Romans 12:1**

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.

**Psalm 51:17  
17**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

b) **Praise   
Hebrews 13:15  
15**Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

c) **Prayers and Thanksgiving  
Colossians 2:6-7**

**6**Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

**7**Rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

**Colossians 3:15-17**

**15**And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

**16**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

**17**And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Philippians 4:4-7**

**4**Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice.

**5**Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

**6**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

**7**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Revelation 8:4**

4 and the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, rose before God from the hand of the angel.

**1Thessalonians 5:16-18**  
**16**Rejoice always,

**17**Pray without ceasing,

**18**Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

d) **Giving to the work of God   
 Philippians 4:18**

**18**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.

2) **Acts of love.   
 Hebrews 13:16**

**16**Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

3) **People you have led to the Lord** **Romans 15:15-16**

**15**But on some points, I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God

**16**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.