

The New Testament Priesthood

- I.** As priests, we have access to God the Father, right into the Holy of Holies in the Heaven.
 1. Christ is set down at the right hand of the Father on the Father's throne in the Heaven (Heb. 8:1).
 2. Christ has a more excellent priestly ministry than the Old Testament priesthood (Heb. 8:6).
 3. Our convenient, or testament, is better than the Old Testament and contains better promises (Heb. 8:6).
 4. Our access is by the blood of Christ (Heb. 10:19).
 5. As priest we are to offer up spiritual sacrifices (1 Pet. 2:5).
- II.** The spiritual sacrifice concerning the faith (Phil. 2:17).
 1. Paul uses himself as an example.
 - 1) The faith used to describe New Testament living (Gal. 6:10; 1 Tim. 5:8; 2 Tim. 4:8).
 - 2) Offered as a drink offering,
 - 3) Upon the sacrifice concerning their faith,
 - 4) And a priestly service.
 2. As a priest Paul dedicated his reason for existence to supporting the spiritual growth of other Christians (Phil. 2:16).
 - 1) Is linked to yielding your body (Rom. 12:1).
 - 2) Is linked to the New Commandment (Jn. 13:34 *cf.* Eph. 4:16; Col. 2:19).
 3. Paul's martyrdom an example of a drink offering (2 Tim. 4:6).
- III.** The sacrifice of doing well (Heb. 13:16).
 1. Is it the same as the sacrifice concerning the faith?
 2. A grammatical note.
 3. "Do good" has the idea of crafting and doing a work that pleases God.
 4. Again, this sacrifice is linked to the sacrifice of your body and the New Commandment.