

The New Testament Priesthood

- I.** Christ is the High Priest of a kingdom of priests (Heb. 4:14; Rev. 1:6).
 1. New Testament believers are a royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9).
 2. The primary privilege of a priest is access to God.
 3. An elect, set apart to God, a nation, a spiritual house.
 4. For the purpose of offering sacrifices by means of the Spirit (1 Pet. 2:5).
 5. Sacrifices/offerings that are acceptable or pleasing to God. (There are no more sin sacrifices).
 6. Through Jesus Christ.

- II.** The spiritual sacrifice of one's living body (Rom. 12:1).
 1. The human body "houses" the sin nature (Rom. 6:6, 12; 7:20, 24).
 2. That is why we must count ourselves to have died with Christ in order to separate ourselves from, *i.e.*, dead, to the sin nature (Rom. 6:7-8).
 3. Mentally, after being dead to the sin nature, one can present/place at disposal his body's members as weapons of righteousness (Rom. 6:13).
 4. Christians will present themselves one of two ways:
 - 1) As a slave to obey God.
 - 2) As a slave to obey the sin nature.
 5. The body "houses" both the sin nature and the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:17-20).
 6. We were purchased out of the slave-market of sin (1 Cor. 7:23).

- III.** In order for the Christian to place his body at the disposal of the Father.
 1. He has to be in the state of overcoming the sin nature.
 2. Has to living unto the Father; this is an acceptable sacrifice (Rom. 6:11).