

1 Peter 2:4-5 – Part 5

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- Tonight – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – Tonight is Part 5 of a 5-Part series before the Day of Trumpets
 - Title – “1 Peter 2:4-5 – Part 5”
 - “You are to offer Spiritual Sacrifices – Acceptable to God”
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Part 1 – Christ was chosen by God to be a Living Stone

Part 2 – You are to be a Living Stone

Part 3 – You are being built up as a Spiritual House

Part 4 – You are being built up as a Holy Priesthood

- Part 5 – You are to offer Spiritual Sacrifices – Acceptable to God
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Mark 12:33 a scribe said to Christ – the 2 great commandments “is more than all the whole burnt offerings and sacrifices”

34 how did Christ respond to the scribe – when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, He said to him: “you are not far from the kingdom of God”

- Here is a quick peek at the Old Testament sacrifices
- What were the various sacrifices in the Old Testament? – Source = “gotquestions.org”
- There are five main types of sacrifices, or offerings, in the Old Testament.
- 3 voluntary sacrifices
- 1. The burnt offering
 - A voluntary act of worship to express devotion or commitment to God
 - Completely burned on the altar
- 2. The grain offering
 - A voluntary offering to express thanksgiving
 - The fruit of the field was offered in the form of a cake or baked bread made of grain, fine flour, and oil and salt
 - Accompanied by a drink offering – about a quart of wine
- 3. The peace offering
 - A voluntary offering to express thanksgiving
 - An unblemished animal – and various grains and breads
 - The high priest was given the breast of the animal
 - The officiating priest was given the right foreleg
 - Called “wave offering” & “heave offering” – because pieces were waved or lifted over the altar during the ceremony
 - The vow offering, thanksgiving offering and freewill offering (mentioned in OT) were all peace offerings

- 2 mandatory sacrifices
- 4. The sin offering
 - The purpose was to atone for sin and cleanse from defilement
 - There were five possible elements of a sin offering
 1. A young bull – was offered for the high priest
 2. A male goat – was offered for a leader
 3. A female goat – was offered for the common person
 4. A dove or pigeon – was offered for a poor person
 5. 2.2 liters of fine flour – was offered for the very poor person
- 5. The trespass offering – not to be confused with the sin offering
 - When a person unintentionally violated some of the Lord’s “holy” things
 - A ram was chosen
 - Most of the sacrificial animal was burned – offered to God
 - The priests were able to eat some portions – while they were in the sanctuary
 - A restitution was made – full restitution and an extra 20% (one fifth) as a fine

1 Sam. 15:22	Samuel – “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed [is better] than the fat of rams.”
Psalms 51:16-17	David – “You do not desire sacrifice or else I would give it. You do not delight in burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart – these O God, You will not despise”
Hosea 6:6	Hosea quoted God – I desire mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings
Micah 6:6	shall I come before the Lord with burnt offerings? – shall I come before the Lord with a year-old calf?
7	will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams? – will the Lord be pleased with 10,000 rivers of oil? – shall I give my firstborn for my transgression?
8	what does the Lord require? – to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly
Matt. 9:10-11	when Christ ate with the people, the Pharisees asked His disciples – “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
12-13	when Christ heard that, He said to them –
	“Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.”
	“But go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice’.”
	“I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”
Matt. 12:1-2	Pharisees – were criticizing His disciples
7	Christ said – if you had known what this comment means, you would not have condemned the innocent? (“I desire mercy and not sacrifice”)
Matt. 22:36-40	“on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets”