

CHURCH AS A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

1 Peter 2.4-12 // March 24, 2024

THE PRIESTHOOD OF EVERY BELIEVER

Priests are representatives, specially appointed people to go to God on behalf of others. But God's original design is that we would all be able to go to Him, face to face, as Adam and Eve did. However, due to sin, this is not possible. Priests were set apart for that task, and one specific High Priest would make atonement for sin once per year. But this can't be a "forever" plan, because each High Priest was a sinner, and the sacrifices, being animals, were insufficient to atone for the sins of humans.

Exodus 19.3-6 // Hebrews 9.11-15, 24 // Romans 8.1-4

**Only man *should* be our redeemer,
But man *could not* be our redeemer.
God alone *could* be our redeemer,
But *could not* be our redeemer.**

TAKING UP OUR RABBI'S YOKE

We saw a few weeks ago that young Jewish kids would go to school to learn the Scriptures, but only the best of the class would continue, hoping to be chosen to apprentice under a rabbi, "yoking" themselves up with his way of life and teaching. Jesus, however, breaks the mold by inviting *whoever* that would come to Him. *Anyone* that comes to Him, He will gladly receive to follow Him.

John 6.37-40 // Acts 4.13

Jesus does not call the equipped, He equips the called.

COME FOLLOW ME

1 Peter 2.4-12 // Hebrews 12.1, 2

And now we can all be priests in His Kingdom. We bring sacrifices, but not for salvation, as that has been paid for. But our sacrifices are our *response* to this gift of salvation. I am to be a living sacrifice, giving praise rather than complaint, confession over hiding, thanksgiving over discontentment, service to God and people rather than self, of offering forgiveness rather than bitterness.

And though these good deeds are riddled with bad motive, Jesus my High Priest burns the sin from these sacrifices and He Himself offers them to His Father purified on our behalf, so we can boldly serve the Lord in all of our life.

NOTES:

This Week's Call to Worship Psalm:

Psalm 95: 1-7

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Amber Willis at amber@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshipping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders stay in the service** with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school.

For more information about our Junior High & High School ministries, email **Tyler Willis at tyler@lifemission.tv**.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Open the evening reciting the **Memory Verse** together. Then open to the **Call to Worship Psalm** and have someone open the night by *praying* the Psalm.

Read **1 Peter 2.4-12**. What stands out in here and from Sunday's sermon?

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

How does knowing that all of our good works and spiritual offerings will be made acceptable to God "through Jesus Christ" change the way we pursue serving God and following Him in our daily life?

Your Life Mission

As priests, we make these offerings and sacrifices to God, and **2 Peter 2.9** says that as a royal priesthood we are to "proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." This week we have a particularly great opportunity to even invite others to come hear about this marvelous light as we approach Good Friday and Easter. Which relationships that you have been connecting with might be ones where you could extend an invitation to them to come join us to hear about that light?

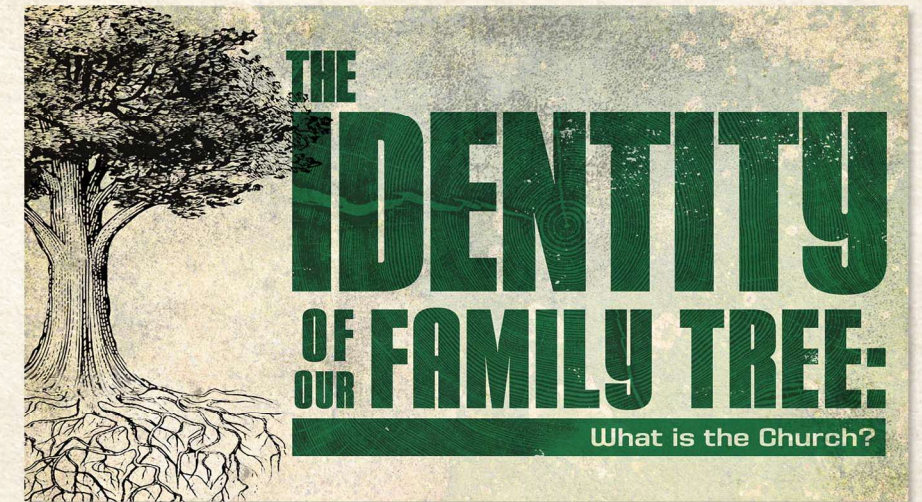
THE LORD'S P.R.A.Y.er MODEL

- **Preaching the Gospel to Yourself (Matthew 6.9, 10)**
 - Always begin your time of prayer focusing on God's goodness, who He is, and what He has done for us. Pray truths from this week's text.
- **Repent and Confess (Matthew 6.12)**
 - Confess any particular sin that prevents you from walking out what God calls us to in the text, or any other particular sin you are wanting to fight. Ask Him to help you have strength to repent and run towards Him.
- **Ask for Provision (Matthew 6.11-13)**
 - Ask God for new perspective and for the things that you need. Once our hearts are fixed on Him, we can ask Him to help us with our needs. When your heart is begin filled with the Gospel first, your asking will be far more in line with God's desires and will. Ask Him to work in the relationships in your life that you are hoping to share God's love with.
- **Yield with Thanksgiving (Matthew 6.10)**
 - End your prayer by giving God thanks for His faithfulness and ask Him to help you trust and yield to His work and ways.



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WHO ARE SAVED, EQUIPPED, AND SENT BY THE GOSPEL.



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