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The New Testament Priestly Sacrifice of Fellowship

Scripture Reading:
Acts 2:36-47

We have seen in Eph 2:20-21 and I Pet 3:5
NT grace-believers are:

- 1) Being made a temple in Christ
- 2) Individually living stones make up this temple here on Earth
- 3) The Father continues to become more settled in this temple as we are spiritual and maturing

- 4) This temple is being built up into a priesthood
(true of ALL believers)
- 5) As priests, we have the opportunity to offer SIX
non-bloody, well-pleasing sacrifices to God

REVIEW OF FIRST FIVE SACRIFICES

- 1) Sacrifice of **your physical body** = Lordship
- 2) Sacrifice of your **faith** in our daily lives
- 3) Sacrifice of **giving** of ourselves and possessions for God's use as He directs
- 4) Sacrifice of **praise**
- 5) Sacrifice of **doing good** according to God's planned works

THE CHARACTER OF FELLOWSHIP

Six forms of the root word κοινωνος is used a total of 64x in NT

κοινωνος (koinos 11x) = 'common' - Acts 2:44, 4:32

common faith - Titus 1:4

common salvation – Jude 3

-the same content of salvation and promises for ALL
NT grace-believers

THE CONTENT OF FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship among NT grace-believers

- (the term fellowship is only used from Acts to I John)

a) Sharing material resources and money – Rom 15:26, II Cor 8:4, 9:13

b) Sharing in NT doctrine and ministry – Act 2:41- 42, Gal 2:9, I Cor 10:16 (elements of the Lordian Table), Phil 1:5 (the ministry of the gospel)

c) II Cor 6:14 - light fellowships only with light

THE CONTENT OF FELLOWSHIP continued

Fellowship with the Godhead

a) **Fellowship with the Holy Spirit** – II Cor 13:14, Phil 2:1, I Jn 2:20-27 (sharing in common with the Spirit's work of teaching us in the Word)

b) **Fellowship with the Son** – I Cor 1:9

- Fellowship with His life – I Jn 5:11-12, Col 1:27
- Fellowship with His sufferings – Phil 3:10

*cf Jn 15:18-20 and I Pet 4:12-13

THE CONTENT OF FELLOWSHIP continued

Fellowship with the Godhead (continued)

c) Fellowship with the Father – I Jn 1:3,7

*** we fellowship with the Father BY MEANS OF loving the brethren (on a continuing basis)**

CONCLUSION

Rev 4:8 – Around God's throne in Heaven, the four cherubim do not rest, but continually day and night say
“holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty who was and who is and who is to come”

They are never tired, never fatigued, never bored!

Let us never forget to perform these well-pleasing sacrifices to God, continually. What a privilege and a joy!