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The New Testament Priestly Sacrifice of Fellowship (continued)

Scripture Reading:
I John 1:1-7

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

Stated: II Cor 13:14, Phil 2:1,

Manifested:

1. by being taught by the HS – I Cor 2:12, I Jn 2:20-27,
cf I Cor 1:21-22
2. by manifesting the fruit of the HS – Gal 5:22-23
3. by walking by means of the Spirit – Gal 5:16, Rom
8:13, 6:11
4. by understanding the security of our salvation because of
the indwelling of the HS as a seal – Eph 1:13-14, 4:30

THE CONTENT OF FELLOWSHIP continued

Fellowship with the Godhead

b) Fellowship with the Son

Stated: I Cor 1:9

Manifested:

1. by possessing Eternal Life - I Jn 5:11-12
2. by using Eternal Life by loving the brethren - Jn 13:34
3. by suffering with Christ – I Pet 4:12-13
 - * Christ suffered to provide Eternal Life
 - * We can suffer to display Eternal Life
 - cf Phil 3:10, Act 9:4-5 (suffering with Christ for other believers who are suffering – Col 1:24)

THE CONTENT OF FELLOWSHIP continued

Fellowship with the Godhead

c) Fellowship with the Father

Stated: I Pet 1:3-4

Manifested: by consistently walking in the Light -

I Jn 1:3-6, cf Jn 1:4

*primarily manifested by loving the brethren, as mentioned many times in I John

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!

Let us be doers of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22