

You Are a Priest **1 Peter 2:4-5**

Main Point:

As a priest in Christ, offer sacrifices to God and make intercession.

1. In Christ, you are a priest.

2. A priest offers sacrifices to God.

3. A priest makes intercession to God.

Hebrews 4:14 14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession. (NKJV)

Heidelberg Catechism 31 Q. Why is he called “Christ”, that is anointed? A. Because he is ordained of God the Father, and anointed with the Holy Ghost, ... to be our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body, has redeemed us, and makes continual intercession with the Father for us; ...

Revelation 5:9-10 9 And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God ... (NKJV)

Theodorus VanderGroe “The high priest Jesus Christ is their head, upon whom they fully rely and under whose auspices they administer a spiritual priesthood.”

Hebrews 2:17 17 Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. (NKJV)

Kevin DeYoung “The only priest we need is Jesus Christ because His sacrifice on the cross was the end of the sacrificial system.”

Heidelberg Catechism 32 Q. But why art thou called a Christian? A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith, and thus am partaker of his anointing; that so I may ... present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him: ...

Romans 12:1 1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. (NKJV)

Hebrews 7:24-25 24 But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. 25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. (NKJV)

Revelation 5:8 8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (NKJV)

G.I. Williamson “We believe in the priesthood of believers, in which we all have the high privilege of intercession for one another through the sole mediation of Christ, our only high priest.”

Hebrews 4:16 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (NKJV)