



## Week 3 - All In!

### A Sacrifice of Worship

A significant part of Biblical worship involved bringing sacrifices to the Temple in Jerusalem. This included offerings of praise, thanksgiving, or a sin offering to restore fellowship with God. As followers of Jesus, the New Covenant has changed the way we offer a sacrifice of worship!

**1 - Bringing a sacrifice** - If we lived under the first covenant, we would bring an animal sacrifice for every sin we committed, along with praise offerings whenever we harvested crops to feed our families. Would this process make it easier to be mindful of God's commands and blessings? Now, we live under grace through Jesus - could this cause us to take God's mercy for granted and forget to regularly offer our worship?

**2 - Watch the Video for Week 3 with Pastor Scott**

**3 - Scriptures from Sunday's sermon -**

**Read Romans 12:1-2** - *Paul encourages believers in Rome to consider their life as a living act of sacrifice and worship. Let's dig into this passage!*

The Church in Rome had both Jewish and Gentile believers in Jesus, creating cultural and racial tension. The Jews pointed to Abraham as their physical ancestor to mean they were "more chosen", while Gentiles held that they had been given "more grace" in being welcomed into the covenant through Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection. Paul reminds both that God's grace surpasses ethnic identity, and describes a New Covenant for all of us:

- **Old Covenant: Genesis 17:9-11** - *Yikes! A difficult passage that describes how circumcision became the sign of God's covenant people.*
  - **New Covenant: Romans 2:28-29** - *Paul shows that the sign of the New Covenant is circumcision of our heart by the Holy Spirit!*
- **Old:** *a convert to Judaism immersed in water for physical cleansing before receiving a white linen garment for purity, their name changed to "son of Abraham", then bringing an animal sacrifice to the Temple.*
  - **New: Romans 6:3-4** - *baptism in water now identifies us with faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus!*
- **Old:** *an animal sacrifice would be brought to the Temple.*
  - **New: Romans 12:1-2** - *we present our very life as an offering of worship to God! Not an animal - we become living sacrifices!*

*These changes were radical for the Early Church! What does being a "living sacrifice" mean to you in considering a life of daily worship?*

**Pray for each other - what can you offer the Lord as a sacrifice of worship?**

### A Pattern of Worship:

The *Shema* pattern of worship in Deuteronomy 6 was woven into the rhythms of everyday life.

How would this outline a daily pattern of "living sacrifice" worship?

*When you rise up...*

*When you lie down...*

*When you are around the house...*

*When you walk along the way...*



Sacrificial animals presented in the Jerusalem Temple

