

CHRISTIAN SACRIFICE
(Hebrews 13:15-17)

- I. The Sacrifice of PRAISE (Heb. 13:15; Lev. 7:12, 13, 15)
 - A. To be offered VERBALLY (e.g., Pss. 7:17; 43:5; 108:3)
 - 1. Possible only “THROUGH HIM”
 - a. Contrasted with Levitical sacrifices of ANIMALS
 - b. Dependent upon CHRIST’S sacrifice of HIMSELF
 - 2. Produced as “FRUIT of LIPS” (Hos. 14:2)
 - [a. Involves CONFESSING His name (Rom. 10:9)]
 - b. Requires giving THANKS to His name
 - c. Demonstrates our IDENTITY in HIM
 - B. To be offered CONTINUALLY
 - 1. Contrasted with Levitical offerings that were SCHEDULED
 - 2. Flowing from a LIFE of GRATITUDE (1 Thess. 5:18)
- II. The Sacrifice of OBEDIENCE (Heb. 13:16)
 - A. To be offered VISIBLY
 - 1. Includes “DOING GOOD” in general (Jms. 1:27; cf. Gal. 6:10)
 - 2. Includes “SHARING” in particular (Rom. 15:26; Phil. 2:1)

- a. Involves PROVIDING aid as NEEDED
 - b. Focuses on the “FELLOWSHIP” within the FAITH
 - B. To be offered CONSISTENTLY
 - 1. In DANGER of being NEGLECTED (cf. 13:2)
 - a. Involves the LOSS of OPPORTUNITY
 - b. Must be INTENTIONALLY MAINTAINED
 - 2. Will be PLEASING to GOD (John 4:23-24)
- III. The Sacrifice of SUBMISSION (Heb. 13:17)
 - A. An admonition to BELIEVERS regarding CHURCH LEADERS
 - 1. To OBEY: “ASSENTING to DIRECTION”
 - 2. To SUBMIT: “YIELDING contrary OPINIONS”
 - B. The responsibility of the church leaders to STAND GUARD over your SOULS
 - C. The expectation of the church leaders to be HELD ACCOUNTABLE (Jms. 3:1)
 - D. The responsibility of the BELIEVERS toward the DUTY of the leaders
 - 1. To let them do it WITH JOY
 - 2. To not cause them GRIEF
 - 3. To FAIL would be “UNPROFITABLE for you”