

The Priesthood of all believers

1 Peter 2:1-12

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1 Peter 2:4-5

Notice how it starts as you come to _____.

When we come to Jesus something _____. There is a difference made, there is a change in our lives.

As you come to Him – *you yourselves as a living stone, a spiritual house are being built to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

As you come to Him God is _____ you –

He is changing your desires, your thought patterns, your wants, and your needs. He is changing you, to become _____--.

The Holy _____ is working in you to build you into a holy priesthood

What does that mean to be a _____ of God – if we take a look at the Old Testament priest, we can learn what it means for us.

It means that you were _____ by God.

It means you were given a very special calling.

You have been called by God to

1. The _____ of a priest
2. To walk the _____ of a priest
3. To follow the _____---- of the priest

1. The _____ of a priest

First as a royal priest we are to speak to _____ on behalf of God.

We are to tell the people around us about God

That God really _____ us

God's love is _____, He will never say I don't love you anymore.

God's love is _____.

Everything He does is for your _____, your good not His.

The second work of the priest is to stand for man before _____.

It was the Old Testament priest who brought the sacrifices of men to God, he stood before God for their sake _____ for their forgiveness, seeking God's blessings for them. So as priest you and I have been given the duty to bring people to God in prayer, seeking their salvation, their healing, God's blessing on your life.

God has called you to stand before Him on _____ of your family, your friends, those around you who do not know Him. To pray for them just like Jesus prays for you. As the Scripture says, *Romans 8:34*

Each of us have been given the _____ to stand before God, bringing to Him not only our own needs but the needs of those around us. God has placed us here in our lives, in our own worlds, as the one whom He listens for to bring Him the needs of those around us.

John 17:20-21

Jesus is _____ to the Father for you

And God has called you to do the _____.

You are a royal priest and a priest is one who does not live for _____. He lives with God and for God. His work as God's servant is to care for His house, His honor, and His worship, making known to men His love and His will. He lives with men and for men. (See Heb. 5:2.) His work is to find out their sins and needs, and to bring these before God, to

obtain forgiveness and blessing for them, so that they also may be saved and come to the love of God.

This is the _____ of a royal priest of God. This is the work of the chosen, of the saved, of the blessed.

2. The _____ of a priest.

For when God calls us to be children He calls us to be _____ our Father.

As God is holy, so the priest was to be holy.

For the Old Testament priest separation from the world and being given up to God were indicated in many ways.

It was seen in the _____. They wore holy garments

The priest were to have no _____ of the holy land as the other tribes had. No God was to be their inheritance

Today as royal priest our garment is the righteousness of _____

As royal priest the clothes we wear now are the righteousness of Christ.

” *Galatians 3:27*

As royal priest when we receive Christ into our lives, we put off sin

Romans 13:14

As royal priest we are called to be Holy, set apart by God to live for God.

Romans 6:4

As a royal priest our inheritance is _____ in this world.

So we strive to fulfill the Apostle Paul’s command to the Colossians:

Colossians 3:23-24

3. The _____ of the Priest

Again we look at the Old Testament priest. God had chosen all of Aaron's sons to be priests. Yet he could not begin his work without a special act of ordinance—his _____. Every child of God is a priest by right of his salvation and baptism—his blood relationship to the Great High Priest Jesus Christ

In the same way, it is through the _____ of Christ that you and I can stand before God.

It is time to wake up for God is coming and He brings His judgement for the Scripture declares. *Revelation 22:12*

There is only one thing that saves us from that judgement, only one thing that you can cling to and it is not your financials, your property, your success, or your own beliefs. It is only the _____ of Jesus

The call of the disciples has not changed from the first days of the church until now. *Acts 3:29*

Today the _____ of Jesus is here for you to cleanse yourself in God’s love.

To remove the _____, and the garbage of this world we have lived in.

To _____ you up to God

To _____ you with His Love

To give you _____ abundantly

To make you a _____ priest.

_____ **as a priest**

Bring the Word of God to the people around you and bring the people around you to God in prayer.

_____ **as a priest**

Seek to live a holy life, living your life set apart for God. Living above the sin around you, living in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

Seek the _____ of the priest

Come to the cross, repent of your sins and know,

Know beyond a shadow of a doubt.

Know with an inkling of fear

Know that you have come to the Lord, the creator and ruler of the universe and He has made you a royal priest.