

Sacrifice

Hebrews 13:15 "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of Praise-the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Jesus was the perfect example as to what sacrifice is to be. Jesus gave himself for all of us. He held nothing back. Never complained nor did he retaliate at the oppression and suffering he went through.

Even on the cross Jesus asked God to forgive you and me for our sins that nailed him there. He looked ahead in time, saw us, love us and died for us. What greater expression of love is there? None.

As Christians we are to sacrifice as well. What have you sacrificed for the cause of Christ? When have you gone out of your way to make sure that God is glorified? Here are some suggestions:

1. Give of your time. Make God a priority in your life. Make an effort to be at church. Get involved in some of our educational opportunities. Get involved in volunteer work in the community. Pray.
2. Give of your talents. Each Christian has a unique gift provided by the Holy Spirit that is to be used. Your talent may be singing, teaching, helping, care giving or a host of other things. Find out your gift and put it to use. Be willing to be used by God.
3. Give of your money. We have 45 family units in our church. If each family unit gave \$45.00 per week we would meet our budget of \$2000.00. If we tithed our 10%-WOW. We could do even greater things for God.

What will you give for God, who gave his one and only son for you so that if you believe in Him you can have eternal life? We could never repay Him but we can decide to live for Him and give to Him.

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