

## PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

Daily Meditation – Thursday April 16, 2026

The Bible says, “...you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ” (1 Pet. 2:5).<sup>1</sup>

Let us examine the definition.

Priesthood of All Believers – “A reference to the idea that each person has direct access to God – there is no need of an intermediary; also, the idea that each believer is capable of acting as a priest for others.”<sup>2</sup>

Peter wrote, “But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God’s OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9).

The Apostle Paul says that through Christ both Jews and Gentiles “have access to the Father by one Spirit” (Eph. 2:18). This verse is especially interesting because immediately after it, Paul talks about the spiritual temple. So the Spirit establishes direct contact between God and believers. And because this is a work of the Holy Spirit, Peter can refer to all believers as a “royal priesthood” (1 Pet. 2:5). He goes on in verse 9 to speak of Christians as “a royal priesthood” – a thought echoed in the Book of Revelation where the idea of priesthood is linked with that of reigning with Christ (1:6; 5:10; 20:6). The spiritual priesthood of the spiritual temple must therefore offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God (1 Pet. 2:5). The New Testament clearly mentions three such sacrifices: our bodies, our praise, and our good works.”<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture quotations, unless otherwise noted, are from the *New American Standard Bible*.

<sup>2</sup> Millard J. Erickson, *The Concise Dictionary of Christian Theology*, (Grand Rapids: Baker Books), 1986, p. 160.

<sup>3</sup> Anthony D. Palma, *The Holy Spirit: A Pentecostal Perspective*, (Springfield: Gospel Publishing House), 2001, 59.

PRAYER FOR SALVATION – Father God, I repent of all my sins, and I believe You raised Jesus from the dead. I confess that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life. Jesus, wash me with your holy blood. Holy Spirit fill me so I can be a mighty witness for King Jesus!