

**Series: Authentic Christianity**

**Title: The Priesthood of All Believers**

**Text:** (1 Pet 2:5-9)

**B - Biblical Authority:**

**A - Autonomy of the Local Church**

**P - The Priesthood of All Believers**

(1 Pet 2:5-9)

**I. The OT Priest:**

They performed all ceremonial acts of worship. (Lev 1:4-17)

Offered Sacrifices for Sin: (Heb 5:1)

Pronounce benedictions: (Num 6:22-27)

Teach the Law: (Lev 10:11)

They were keepers of the Tabernacle and later the Temple.

They would burn the incense, symbolizing the prayer for the people.

They would sprinkle the blood of the sacrifices upon the altar.

**This Priesthood would be culminated in Christ.**

**Jesus is our High Priest:** (Heb 2:17; 4:14)

**II. The NT Priesthood:**

The Priesthood is now predicated upon every Christian By virtue of their relationship in Christ.

**Jesus said that He was how we access God the Father:** (Jn 10:7,9)

(Rom 5:1-2) (Eph 2:12-19)

Only by the blood of Christ can God forgive sin: (1 Peter 1:18–19)

Not confession to a person or any amount of penance can forgive our sin. (Titus 3:5)(Eph 2:8-9)(Rom 4:5)

No one needs somebody else to intervene between his soul & God

We enter through the Blood of Jesus (Heb 10:19-22)

Jesus is the Only Mediator Possible or Necessary: (1 Tim 2:5).

**No one needs somebody else to pray for their needs.** (Heb 4:14-16)

God's Word assures believers direct access to God: (Heb 4:16; 10:19)

**We have the ability to be priests before a Holy God.**

(I Peter 2:9 ROYAL PRIESTHOOD

(Rev 1:6) KINGS AND PRIESTS

(I Peter 2:5) OFFER SPIRITUAL SACRIFICES

(I Tim 2:1-6) INTERCESSION FOR ALL

**This Entrance was Symbolized after the Crucifixion:**

Veil Is Rent: (Matt 27:50-51)

The Partition is Broken Down: (Eph 2:13-18)

*ILLUS: "The doors of the temple opened of it's own accord every night"*

**How are you using your Priesthood?**

**Are you offering Spiritual Sacrifices of Worship daily?**

**Are you asking The Father for His help?**

**Are you asking The Father for His Guidance?**

**Are you asking The Father for His Forgiveness?**

**Are you asking The Father for His Empowerment? Grace**