

# *Mt. Lebanon Church*

Sermon

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of God's word.

Is Our Life A Living Sacrifice to God

## Joshua 1: 8

Are we at times in our life, tempted, to just be part time Christians, therefore compromising our faith. The truest opportunity that we can carry out in our Christian life is to live according to Gods purpose and plan for our life and cease to live for ourselves. We are to serve God in all that we are and in all that we do. God calls unto us to make the choice, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to be transformed into the likeness of Christ. We are to be willing to offer ourselves unto God. The truth will come, when we, through obedience to Gods word, will unquestionably turn to doing the service of God. With this, we will quit living according to the mandates of the world, being conformed to this world, but will live our lives consecrated to God, because we are transformed by God. It is the Holy Spirit that helps us in knowing and discerning the will of God.

Today, we want to answer the question, what does it actually mean to offer our life, a living sacrifice to God. As Christians, we must always be ready, holy, and acceptable to God, to carry out his will. Our body must not be used on our own behalf, but on the behalf of God, therefore our body is meant to profit others and not ourselves. This means that we turn away from our own will so that we may do Gods will. We receive power to do Gods will through the indwelling Holy Spirit. Gods will is our sanctification, and his will must be done if we are going to be sanctified. God works in us to will and to do, and he takes care not to work in us more than we are able to do.

**Joshua 1: 8**,....this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein, for thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success....

All scripture is given by God, and all scripture is the word of God. It is to be believed upon, it is for us to be obedient to, and it is to be acted upon by us. There is value in hearing Gods word and meditating upon it. To listen and to follow the voice of the Lord means to meditate upon all that he has said, day and night, and to present it to all mankind. It is very important for us to know the word of God, to trust the word of God, and to apply the word of God in every circumstance of our life, knowing that in doing so, it will lead to a productive Christian life, and its success will glorify God.

Offering our lives to God means offering our service unto him. Living our lives in service to God greatly enhances our relationship with God. When we live our lives in service to God, we are expressing our love and respect to the one who has given unto us everything through the death of his Son.

**Hebrews 13: 15**,....by him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name....

It is our born-again life in Christ which enables us to live as God intended for us to live. Only the life of Christ within us enables us to do those things that are pleasing unto God and glorify his name. When we are born again, we receive the perfect sinless nature of Christ, this is our new life in Christ. Gods' requirement for those who are purchased by the redeeming blood of Christ is that our lives have now become a living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to Christ. Christ work on the cross, on our behalf, was completely finished at that time and place, and there is nothing that we can add to it. Our praise and sacrifice should be done out of gratitude, obedience, and service unto God.

To give God praise, in times of trial and tribulation, is our life as a living sacrifice to God. This means that even though our life is not going as we think that it should, God is still good to us, and therefore we can still trust in him.

**Hebrews 10: 39**,....we are not of them who draw back into perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul....

The word of God encourages the believer to continue to walk in spirit and in truth, and to continue to live by faith, and to mature in our life in Christ. We are to live our lives in such a way that God is honored and glorified. Christians should not revert back to the former pleasures of the old nature, but due to worldly fear, and a lack of faith, there will be times that we will fall into worldly deception and therefore leave our first love. In spite of this, we have Gods assurance that nothing can remove us out of his security, or separate us from his love which is eternally ours.

So for the unbeliever, the saving of the soul is salvation by grace through faith. For those who are already born again, the continuous saving of the soul refers to daily living our lives for Christ and dying to oneself. As believers, we should be confident and steadfast in our faith, even in times of hardship. Even though we have security in God, when we fall prey to sin, we are subject to Gods punishment and wrath. Those who hold fast to their faith, through the circumstances of life, do not have to worry about Gods judgement, but for those who willingly rebel against God, they will suffer the consequences of their sinfulness.

**Jude 1: 3,....**beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints....

As Christians, we are warned about those who come into the body of Christ unnoticed, spreading a false interpretation of the gospel, deceiving those who have not matured in Christ, turning them from living their lives as a sacrifice unto God. We need to standfast in our faith and hold fast to the gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ, which has been entrusted unto us. This happens because we live in a world where the gospel has been watered down and taught as a feel good, prosperity driven, works oriented interpretation, given unto us in a way that we hear it in the meaning that is pleasing unto us, not according to the truth of the gospel. Therefore, we must maintain our profession of the truth of the gospel, but we must do it in gentleness and respect. The doctrine of Jesus Christ must be preached in unity, in liberty, and in love.

**1 Corinthians 1: 10,....**now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement.

We are called, by God, to be holy, to be set apart, and to continually be in fellowship with our brothers and sisters in the body of Christ. In order to live our life as a living sacrifice to God, then there must be no disharmony, no disagreements, and no dissensions in the body of Christ. This type of unity can only be founded upon the Lord Jesus Christ, and not on our favorite teacher or preacher in the church. Humanities attitude, whether a believer or a non-believer, will change in accordance with the emotional worldly circumstances that they are going through at the time. We are to develop the mind of Christ because it is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Building one another up in love, encouraging and comforting one another in Gods word, all the while looking to the coming of Christ, allows others to see our willingness to carry out the eternal plan and purpose of God.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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