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### "A Living Sacrifice"

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Most all students of the Bible are familiar with Paul's words in Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Many good thoughts and comments have been made about "a living sacrifice" over the years, but what does it really mean to us? How does it really apply to you and me?

Almost all, if not all, religions involve sacrifice of some kind. Of course the sacrifices of all the false religions, which include anything from animals, to their own children, to their own lives, are all patterned after the religion given by the one, true God. Under the Patriarchal system, beginning with Adam and Eve after their sin, to the Mosaical, where rivers of the blood of bulls and goats were offered, God has asked man to make an offering for sin. However, we all know well that "...it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins" (Hebrews 10:4). We also know that those sacrifices were typical of the True, once-for-all sacrifice of the perfect Son of God. As John rightly identified Jesus: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

Under the Patriarchal and Mosaical system of sacrifice, it was the giving of the life of an animal. Not just any animal, but one that was to be the best of the flock, "without spot" (Exodus 12:5). Although they were to take that animal from their own flock, and were to "keep it until the fourteenth day

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### Times of Services:

#### Sunday

Bible Study:... 10:00am

AM Worship:...11:00am

PM Worship:...6:00pm

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:.....1:30pm

#### Wednesday

Bible Study:.....7:00pm

#### Radio Program

Sunday:.....7:30am

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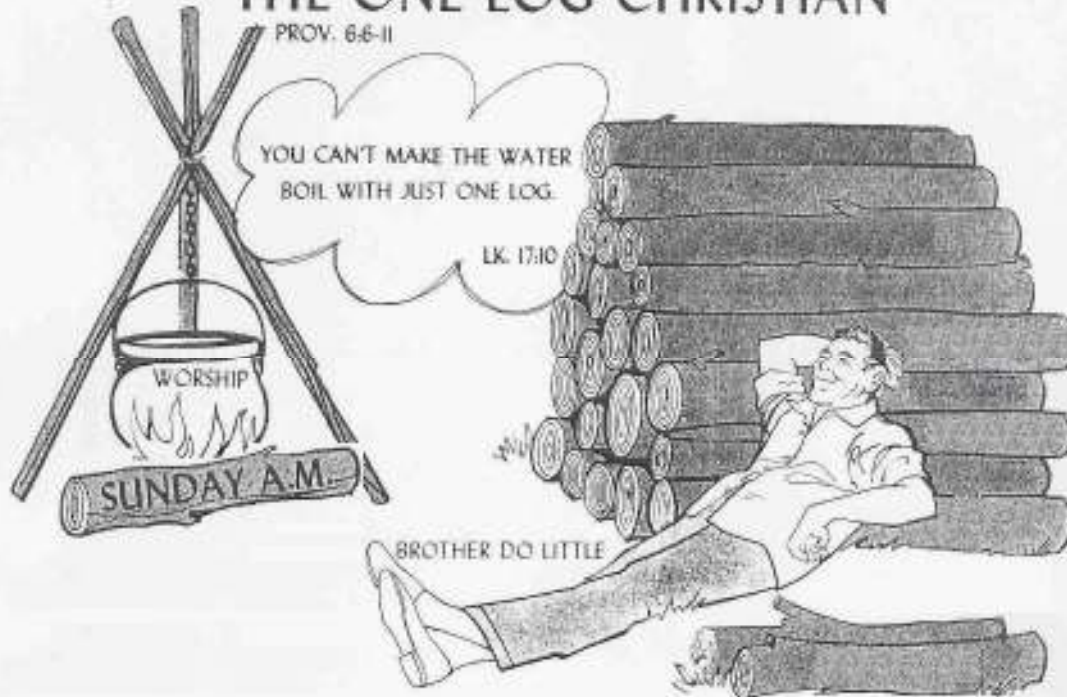
## "THE ONE LOG CHRISTIAN"

PROV. 6:6-11

YOU CAN'T MAKE THE WATER  
BOIL WITH JUST ONE LOG.

LK. 17:10

BROTHER DO LITTLE



of the same month” (Exodus 12:6), it was still more impersonal than the blood sacrifice of a child or one’s own life. God did ask Abraham, as a faith test, to sacrifice his own son; however, He did not allow him to go through with it. God has never asked any man to offer his own blood in sacrifice to Him: man’s blood is tainted with sin (Romans 3:23). To atone for sin, man needed the sacrifice of sinless man, which is why God became flesh, to die for our sins (Hebrews 2:9).

So, is the contrast being made by Paul in Romans 12:1 about “a living sacrifice” against that of all those dead animals? Personally, I do not believe it is. By “living,” Paul was referring to a continual, on-going sacrifice. Could it not possibly be the case that under the Law of Moses, that from one year to another, one could easily forget the sacrifice of the Lamb from the previous year? Sure it could and probably was the case. The writer of Hebrews said “those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually” could not fix man’s sin problem; but they were never intended to do so. It would take the perfect blood of Jesus.

So then, could it possibly be the case that mankind, some two thousand years removed from Jesus’ crucifixion, of which none today witnessed, forgets what God has done for us? Absolutely! That is why Peter said in II Peter 1:9, “But he that lacketh these things {the 8 things mentioned in vss. 5-8} is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.” Jesus’ death was the greatest of all sacrifices; God (“the just”) for sinful mankind (“the unjust” – I Peter 3:18; Romans 5:6-8). Perhaps, in His infinite wisdom, God has commanded us to partake of two emblems which are to remind us of what He has done for us. Even though Jesus’ death was the greatest sacrifice, it is rather easy for one to allow oneself to be far removed from it. Is this why some find it so easy to engage in sin and to forsake their responsibility to serve God?

You see, Christianity is not merely about what I can get out of it. Perhaps we have focused so sharply on the second half of the question, “What must I do to be saved?” that we have forgotten the first part of the question involves action on our part (not just in obtaining salvation, but also in maintaining it). Perhaps we have preached the need to be saved from sin to our friends and family to the point that we forget to mention the responsibility we have after we have been saved. God has made the great sacrifice of His “only begotten son,” but what does He expect of us? He demands “a living sacrifice”! He demands my life in faithful service. Paul also was able to say, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

In the second stanza of Johnson Oatman, Jr.’s 1916 Hymn, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross,” wrote, “Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ, my Lord; All the vain things that charm me most I sacrifice them to His blood.” And in the last stanza, “Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.” God’s love to us is reciprocated by our loyal service to Him and by our “living sacrifice.”

## A Prayer

--Anna Lee Edwards McAlpin

Help me have a love for others  
That surpasses “self” or gain;  
Teach me how to share their sorrow,  
Bear with them through stress and pain.  
May I never do a favor,  
Hoping glory to receive,  
Just because I did my duty  
And a troubled heart relieved;  
May I never be “self-righteous”,  
But remember well that HE  
Stated in the Holy Scriptures,  
“This thou doest unto Me.”

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*“That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory” (Ephesians 1:12-14).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mar 5 – Men’s Business Meeting & Ladies’ Class
- Mar 12 – Time Change – Spring Forward 1 Hour and don’t be late!
- Mar 12 – Preach-n-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- May 21-25 – Our Gospel Meeting with John Daniels
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Minnie Kennell