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Theme	Jubilee – Year of Forgiveness
Topic	Royal Priesthood
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Message Summary

Spiritual Objective: Knowing that believers are called to be Priests of God

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” – 1 Peter 2:9

We are saved not just to escape damnation, but to put on our new identities as priests, kings and a people of God. When God sent Jesus to die on the cross as atonement for our sins, there was a divine exchange that took place. When we say the sinner’s prayer, something supernatural happens. We are transferred from the realm of darkness into the light of His Kingdom. We are saved.

However, salvation is not merely a ticket to heaven because we are also given new identities. 1 Peter 2:9 describes in detail what our new identities are, one of which is our identity as a “royal priesthood”.

Peter took reference from Exodus 19:5-6 when he wrote this. In Exodus 19, God promised the Israelites that they were His people with these new identities if they obeyed Him and kept His covenant. Similarly, as believers of Christ, we are His people and we have been grafted into this same covenant. A covenant is God’s legal promise regarding His relationship with us.

Therefore, as Christians, we are actually priests of God who are called to perform our priestly duties.

The Role of a Priest

Leviticus 1:1-17 | Priests are Called to Preach Forgiveness

In the Old Testament, priests sprinkled the blood of animal offerings on the altar. They also had to ensure that the sacrificial animal offerings were unblemished. This sprinkling of the blood signified the release of forgiveness and an atonement of sin. Today, as priests, we are called to preach God’s forgiveness to man. Jesus’ death on the cross is God’s release of forgiveness and our atonement of sin for those who believe.

Numbers 6:22-27 | Priests are Blessed to Bless Others

Here, Aaron and his sons (the priesthood) were instructed to bless the children of Israel with the name of the great I AM. The LORD promised to bless the people as they put God’s name on them. Similarly, as priests, we are called to bless others and God promises to bless them.

However, unlike the priests of the Old Testament, we can boldly come to the throne of grace where we are to execute our duties as assigned by the LORD.

Conclusion – Embrace Your Identity as a Priest



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Like Israel, we were once slaves to sin but God has brought us into His Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, we are given the highest authority to perform our priestly duties to preach forgiveness and bless others. Let us now boldly embrace this new identity that God has given us.

Questions

1) Share your experience when you prayed the sinner's prayer for the first time.

(Fill In Answer Here)

2) What are our new identities in Christ? What do these mean for you?

(Fill In Answer Here)

3) Is there someone whom you can speak God's blessings to this week? Are there other ways you can fulfil your duties as a priest?

(Fill In Answer Here)