

Kings and Priests

Part 1 of 2



“A Tale of Two Priests” – *Ezekiel 44:10-28*

Introduction: With the holidays and break behind us and winter camp just around the corner, now is the perfect time for us to reflect upon the first half of the school year in preparation for what God has in store for us. Revelation 1:5-6 & 5:8-10 reminds us of the titles that God has given to each of us that he's redeemed with his blood. The question going into winter camp is simple: are we living up to those titles?

Why does the Bible consider us to be New Testament Priests?

- Because of his work on the cross, all who get saved have the unique ability to get close with Jesus more than anyone else – 1 Pet. 2:9; Rom. 5:1-2
- We are made _____ of Christ as a result – 2 Cor. 3:6; 5:18-20
- Now that we're saved, we too can offer up spiritual _____ works that are pleasing to him – 1 Pet. 2:5; Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:2

Priest Class 1 – *Ezekiel 44:10-14*

- 1) They are ministers in God's sanctuary, which is a picture that they're _____.
- 2) They are given some authority and oversight in God's house, which pictures _____ in the church.
- 3) They are engaged in sacrifice, which pictures that they are _____ God.
- 4) They are engaged in fellowship with other believers.
- 5) Yet, their place is in the outer court, _____ from God.

➤ **Key Point:**

Priest Class 2 – *Ezekiel 44:15-28*

- 1) They are _____ to God in prayer – Ps. 145:18; Jer. 29:12-13
- 2) They are prepared to give God their _____ and their _____ – Lev. 3; 4; 8; Ps. 26:2
 - **Key Point:** Does God get the best of your time (*Eph. 5:16*), your thoughts (*Isa. 26:3*), your heart (*Mt. 6:21*), your words (*Col. 4:5-6*)?
- 3) They expect to hear from God and to teach others what they've heard – Jn. 13:23; 1-3 John; Revelation
- 4) They keep themselves _____ and sanctified – 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; Jer. 5:25

Conclusion: This is the acid test of what true _____ with Christ looks like. Which are you?