## **New Covenant Sacrifices**

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The OLD Covenant included altar sacrifices of various sorts. Due to Jesus Christ bringing the final, once-and-for-all blood sacrifice for sin, God no longer honors other blood sacrifices for sin under the NEW Covenant. In honor of יהוה God, we recall and submit to Hebrews 8. He has made the Old Covenant obsolete. Instead, in the setting of the New Covenant, He calls His people to be His living sacrifices — Romans 12:1, 2. Galatians 2:20 speaks of our being crucified with Christ. In part, our grateful response to His loving sacrifice on our behalf includes this: Micah 6:8. Jesus Christ Himself called us to take up our crosses daily. We are to die to ourselves (our old nature) and live in our new lives in Christ.

Our sincere response to His atonement for us also includes a general perspective of **gratitude** – I Thes. 5. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, **in everything give thanks**, for this is God's will for those of us who are in His Vine, Christ Jesus. And let's not neglect the other responsibilities in living out our sacrificial lives which this passage also highlights. Yes, let's also be about what verses 19 – 22 command.

For us, this year (2025) has especially brought the focus on **A Grateful Heart**. As we prepare to enter the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons once again, may we walk in God's precious Holy Spirit whereby we naturally – in our new birth – shine forth His wonderful fruits. In fact, let's take a moment to ponder Galatians 5:16-26.

<u>Spooky Days</u> are here. If you discern this to be the case – the fact that great darkness thrives in this world – just wait another couple years. BUT GOD (for those who would accept His help) continues to give His children in Christ Jesus His help and blessed protection. His fruits are precious indeed.

"Lord, THANK YOU for granting us Your peace which passes all human understanding, even through the midst of evil days. Thank You for bolstering our assurance in Your precious promises to us as we abide in Your dear Son, Christ Jesus. Thank You that You have already defeated darkness at the Cross and that You will finish the great battle soon. We long for Your return, Christ Jesus! Until then, please help us to press on in being Your Ambassadors in this needy world, unto Your glory and praise. In Jesus Christ's name we pray, amen."

One last witness of Truth: Satan and all the darkness he is lord over – including folks who are in bondage to him – will eventually be cast into the eternal Lake of Fire where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. But God's light in Christ Jesus continues to be offered by way of spiritual rescue. Dear ones, even you who think you cannot be delivered from your dark bondage to satan, know this:

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