

# Sacrifice

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## Introduction

1. Romans 12:1-2
2. When we think of those men and women who have served there is one word that we usually think of when we describe their service, and that is sacrifice.
3. Think what these men and women have sacrificed for our freedom. Some have sacrificed life, liberty, limbs, and mental anguish. We are to be thankful for this great sacrifice.
4. Let us consider the meaning of sacrifice, The requirement of sacrifice, and what it means to sacrifice

## II Discussion

1. The meaning of sacrifice
  - a. Webster
    - i. Verb – an act of offering to deity something precious. To suffer loss of, give up, renounce, injure, or destroy especially for an ideal, belief or end.
    - ii. Noun – destruction or surrender of some thing for the sake of some thing else. Something given up or lost (The sacrifice made by parents). Loss (goods sold at a sacrifice).
  - b. Vine's
    - i. An act of offering, that which is offered. Sacrificing by slaying a victim
    - ii. Old Testament Slaughter by the priest Leviticus 17:11. There are different sacrifices mentioned Passover Exodus 12:7; Peace Leviticus 3:1ff; Thanksgiving Leviticus 7:12. Other sacrifices are mentioned but there difference in the connection with the priest and the person offering. Zephaniah 1:7
  - c. McLintock and Strong – death of a living creature. 11 different Hebrew words included with the idea of sacrifice.
  - d. Connally – that which is dedicated to God's special service. An active work that entailed effort and self-denial.
2. The requirement of sacrifice
  - a. Does God require sacrifice?
    - i. Some might think that He does not. 1 Samuel 15:22; Hosea 6:6; Amos 5:22
    - ii. Yet He does Psalm 51:16,17; Leviticus 17:11; Exodus 12:13, 23, 29
  - b. Does God require sacrifice of us today?
    - i. Some might not think so
    - ii. He does Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 2:5; Hebrews 13:5-6
3. What does it mean to sacrifice
  - a. To an animal, for breakfast, chicken or hog Mark 14:12
  - b. To the soldier 2 Timothy 2:3-4
  - c. To God John 3:16; Matthew 27:46-47
  - d. To Christ Matthew 27:36-42 (Luke 22:44); 1 Corinthians 5:7 (Luke 22:7); Hebrews 7:27; 9:9, 23, 26; 10:12
  - e. To us
    - i. What are we willing to give up?
    - ii. Are we willing to give up time to worship
    - iii. Are we willing to give up time to work for Him
    - iv. Are we willing to use our abilities for Him

v. Are we willing to give to Him

III Conclusion

1. Are we willing to give ourselves to Christ? 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
2. If we are not willing to sacrifice what does that mean of the sacrifice of God and Christ?  
Hebrews 10:26
3. Why not submit to the demands of sacrifice of God and give to Him from the heart.
4. Come Now!

Sources: Vine's; Webster's Dictionaries; McLintock and Strong's encyclopedia; Concordance;  
Great Lessons from Romans and Galatians by Andrew Connally.