

NEW TESTAMENT PRIESTHOOD

I. Some Introductory Remarks:

- A. Priesthood: an office representation
- B. In the Bible:
 - 1. The Old Testament
 - 2. The New Testament
- C. The effect on our lives

II. Message # 1: The Simple Truth: all believers are priests!

- A. Texts: 1 Peter 2:5, 9. Revelation 1:6; 5:10, 1 Peter 1:15-16
 - B. We are the Builders of the Temple!
 - The Lord Jesus is the sure foundation (1 Cor 3:11)
 - We are the "stones: Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 2:5
 - Take heed how we built! (1 Cor 3)
 - C. We are the worshipping community 1 Peter 2:5,9 John 4:23
 - D. We are the unashamed believers 1 Peter 2:6
- Conclusion

III. Message # 2:: The Gracious Invitation: fellowship with God

- A. Text: Hebrews 20:19-22, 1 Peter 2:4
 - B. God has received us as children, 1 Peter 2:2, 1 John 3:1 ff
 - C. We are given access Hebrews 4:14-16, 10:19-22
 - D. His attention is on His own Psalm 121:4, Hebrews 13:5-6
- Conclusion

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IV. Message # 3 Developed Duties!

- A. Texts: 1 Peter 2:1-2, 5, 9
- B. Grow! (1-2)
- C. Offer (5)
- D. Demonstrate(9)

V. Message # 4 The Life Long Challenge: Witness

- A. Texts: 1 Peter 1:15-16, 2:11ff. 4
 - B. Honest living (2:12)
 - C. Orderly conduct (2:13-14)
 - D. Commitment to well doing (2: 15-16. Galatians 6:10)
- Conclusion: Honor the Lord's example

VI. Message # 5 Priesthood and the Assembly

- A. The simple fact: all are priests, not all have the same "office"
 - 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4, Romans 12
 - B. All enjoy the privilege of holiness
 - C. All are under the authority of the Word of God and the Spirit,
- Conclusion