

The Lordship of Christ

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Basics of the Christ-Centered Spirit-Filled Life



Christ the Centre: 2 Cor 5:17, Gal 2:20

- **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!
- **Galatians 2:20** I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

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Genesis 22

¹ Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!”. **“Here I am,”** he replied.

² Then God said, “Take **your son, your only son**, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a **burnt offering** on a mountain I will show you.”

³ **Early the next morning** Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵ He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.”

Genesis 22

⁶ Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷ Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?”

“Yes, my son?” Abraham replied.

“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?”

⁸ Abraham answered, “**God himself will provide the lamb** for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. ⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.

Genesis 22

¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!”

“Here I am,” he replied.

¹² “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. **Now I know** that you fear God, because **you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.**”

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram^[a] caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son.

Genesis 22

¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided.”

¹⁵ The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ **I will surely bless you** and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and **through your offspring^[b] all nations on earth will be blessed,**^[c] because you have obeyed me.”

Your son, your only son, whom you love

Isaac Means...

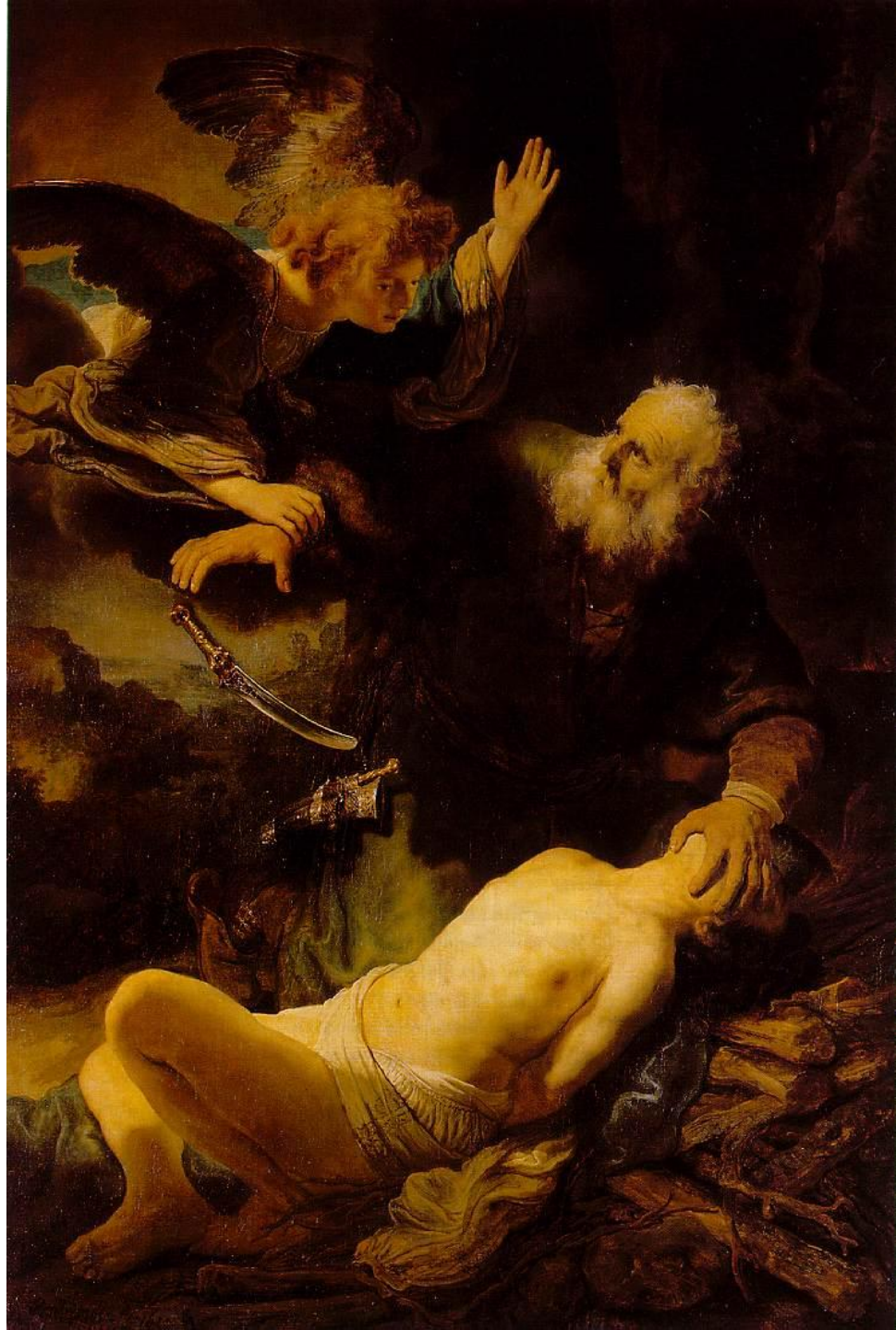
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Mt. Moriah – A place of great significance





Heb 11

- ¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to **sacrifice his one and only son,** ¹⁸ even though God had said to him, “It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.”^[c] ¹⁹ Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so **in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.**

Lessons from Abraham

1. Readiness to obey - Yes. Here I am.
2. A tough test – you son, whom you love.
3. No reservation – Burnt offering.
4. No withholding – Not even your only son.
5. Cement relationship – now I know.
6. Absolute surrender brought full blessing.

Foreshadows that point to the Messiah

- “Here I am.”
- “God himself will provide the lamb.”
- “Sacrifice his one and only son.”
- in a manner of speaking Abraham did receive Isaac back from death.
- Isaac – the obedient son.
- Nations will be blessed through his offspring.

The Law of Burnt Offerings (Leviticus 1:1-17)

Leviticus 1:4

⁴You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement for you.

- A re-enactment of the sacrifice of Isaac.
- Sacrifice is needed to be right with God
- It is to be total.
- The sacrifice die in the place of the offerer.
- It is a condition to receive God's blessing.
- Blood must be shed.
- Point to a future, better substitute sacrifice.





Heb10:10 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming – not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.

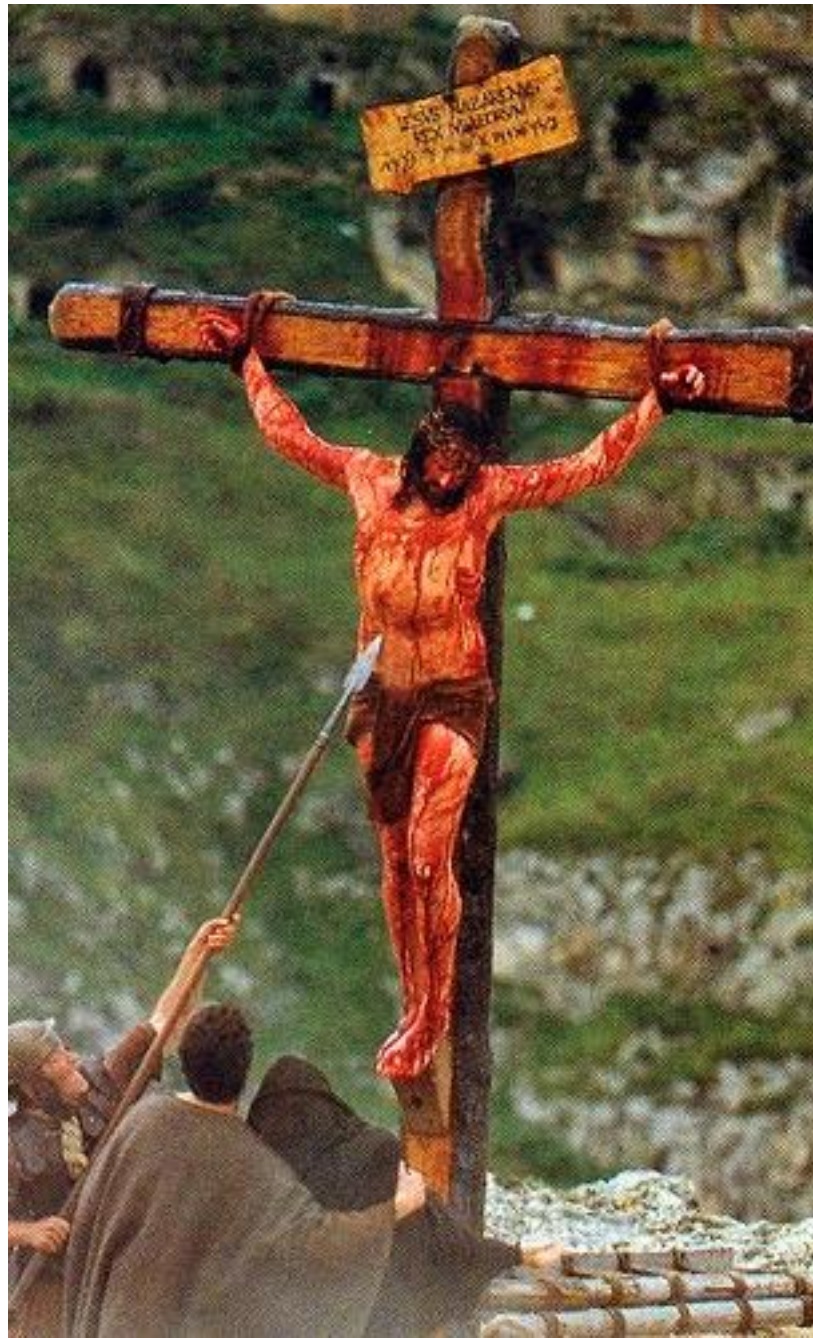
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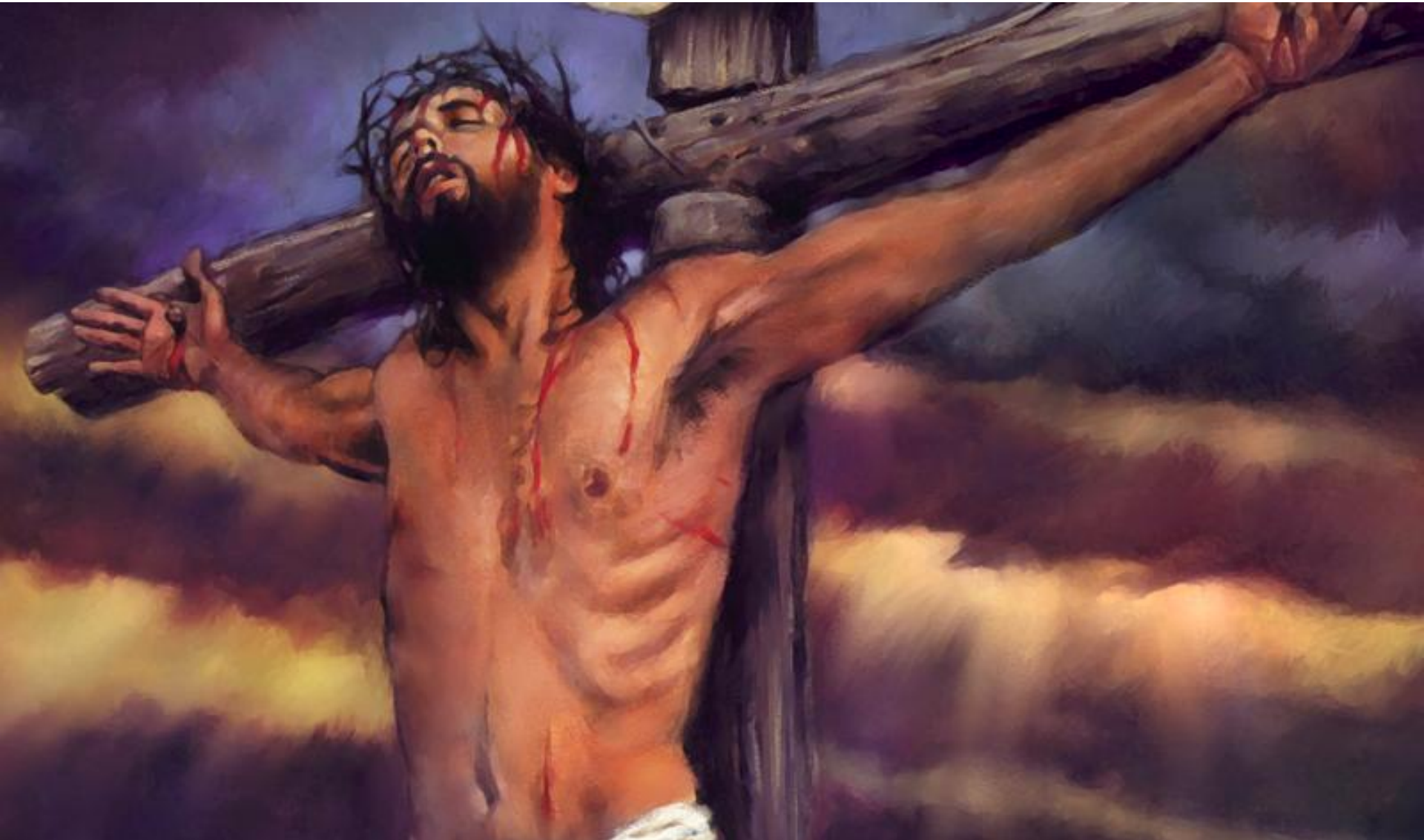
Another Father sacrifices His Son...

1 John 4:9-11

⁹ This is how God showed his love among us: **He sent his one and only Son** into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰ This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an **atoning sacrifice** for our sins.



The Ultimate Sacrifice



Obedient unto death – Phil 2:5-11

5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

6 Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

7 rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

8 And being found in appearance as a man,

he humbled himself

by **becoming obedient to death—**

even death on a cross!

Jesus Christ is Lord.

Philippians 2

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the **highest place**

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus **every knee should bow,**

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and **every tongue acknowledge** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Question: Will you confess with your tongue, and bow your knees willingly now or be forced to do so in future only when you have no choice ?

Jesus is Lord because...

- Authorship - He created all things.
- Ownership - He purchased us with His blood.
- Highest Position – He is above all.

- He is the **absolute** ruler and has **absolute** right and authority over all.

Christ alone deserves our absolute surrender, total submission, and whole-hearted allegiance. Yet He does not force us but gives us the free will to choose.

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God continually reminds us that He wants to have a love relationship with us!

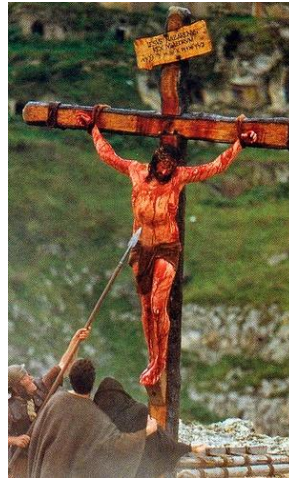
Abraham
bound Isaac



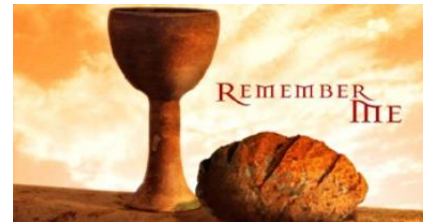
Animal
Sacrifices



Christ Death
& Resurrection



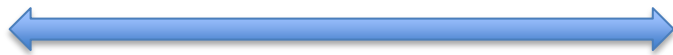
The Lord
Supper



How
About
You ?



2000 years



2000 years



Our rightful response

- Tongue Confess – **Absolute Surrender.**
- Knee Bow – **Total Submission.**
- “Here I am” – **Ready obedience.**

The Lord held nothing back and gave himself for us.
What should our response be ?

Our sacrifice

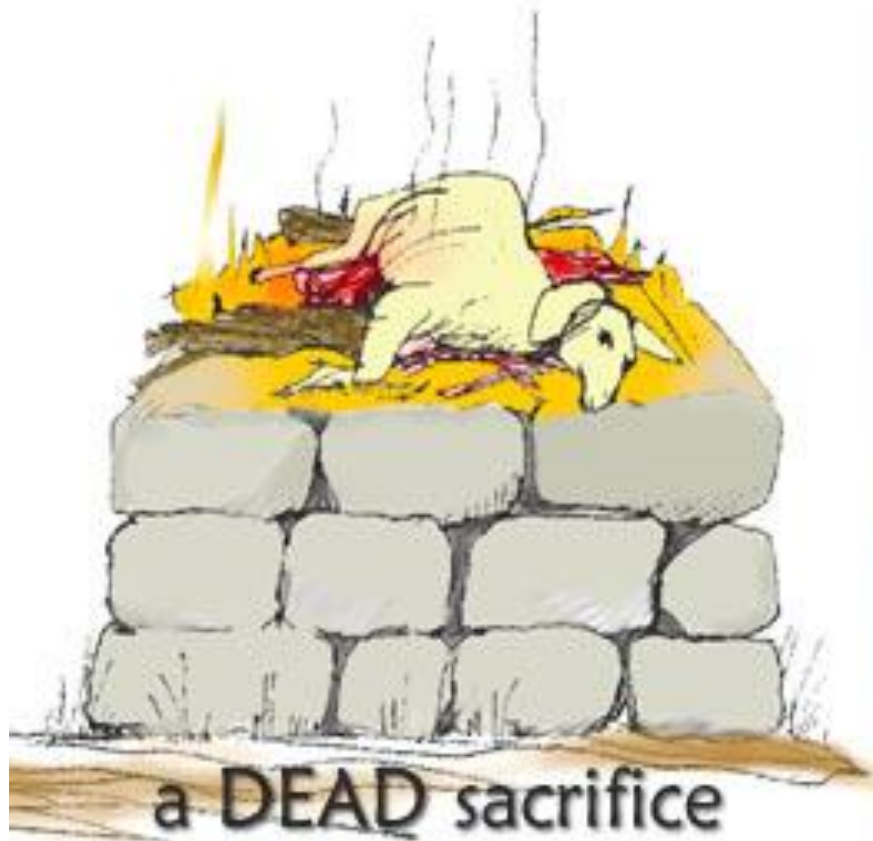
Romans 12

- 12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Amplified Bible

- ¹² I appeal to you therefore, brethren, and beg of you in view of [all] the mercies of God, to make a decisive dedication of your bodies [presenting all your members and faculties] as a living sacrifice, holy (devoted, consecrated) and well pleasing to God, which is your **reasonable (rational, intelligent)** service and spiritual worship.

Rom 12 – a Living Sacrifice



a DEAD sacrifice



a LIVING sacrifice

Daily Sacrifices



- Luke 9:22-24
- 23 Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and **take up their cross daily** and follow me. 24 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Christ-Centred Life

A self-centred Life	A Christ-Centre Life
Insists on own way	Denies self
Live for self	Live for God and others
Slave to sin	Dead to sin
Put self interest first	Put Christ first
I am the captain of my soul	Christ is the master and Lord

What is your Isaac ?

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If He is not the Lord of all, then He is not the Lord at all.

Your response...

- Have you totally surrendered to Jesus as your Lord ?
- Have you presented yourself as a living sacrifice to Him?
- Do you take up your cross daily ?
- Are you willing to sacrifice your Isaac (anything that gets in between you and God)?