

A Royal Priesthood

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1 Peter 2:9 But you are a Chosen Race, A royal Priesthood, A Holy Nation, A People For God's Own Possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

(5) you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 50:5 Gather My godly ones to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice."
Three Spiritual Sacrifices

1. The sacrifice of praise

Hebrews 13: 15 By Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips that give thanks to His name. See 2 Chronicles 20 and Acts 16

2. The sacrifice of righteousness

Psalm 4:3 & 5 But know that the Lord has set apart the godly man for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him. (5) Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and trust in the Lord.

3. The sacrifice of his sufferings

Philippians 3:7 But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ.

The bride who marries a man gladly gives up her single life for the married life she is about to enter. She does this with joy, not looking back and counting the losses of her single life.

So the bride of Christ does not compare the loss of her own life to the riches she gains in Christ Jesus. We have been chosen to be the "Bride of Christ". As His bride He gives us two things.

1. The keys to His Kingdom - Matthew 16:19 Jesus said; "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
This is what the authority the bride of Christ has on the earth. He gives us authority over Satan, our own flesh, and our world of circumstances that we live in daily. Spiritual authority is given to those who are devotedly His.
Oswald Chambers Quote: "Be simply and directly and unmistakably His- today."
2. The Lord Jesus gives us His credit card. The bride of Christ receives all the riches of Christ Jesus as she submits to His love and lives His life on the earth.