

How We Serve – Sacrifice

Genesis 4:3-7 & Hebrews 11:14

- (1) Before the fall of mankind (sin) there was no concept of sacrifice because the relationship between God and man, and between man and woman was perfect and in need of nothing. Relational perfection requires no sacrifice, because in it there is mutually perfect enjoyment of one another by people who need nothing. However, sin corrupted everything and not only left mankind with an eternal debt to God but also left mankind incapable of relational perfection with God or one another. Therefore, _____ is now a necessity for any relationship to work.
- (2) Not every sacrifice _____, that is, just because you consider something to be a sacrifice doesn't mean it's what God requires or what your relationship with somebody else needs or deserves.

CHALLENGE:

- (1) God is not impressed by the _____ deeds you do for Him but rather as God, He expects us to live totally surrendered to Him, trusting that He perfectly love us and therefore fully submitting to Him and what He wills for us to do! (Romans 12:1-2)
- (2) God expects us to live sacrificially loving one another, meaning, prioritizing the needs of others over my own so that we are willing to not have our needs met in order to take care of the needs of _____. (Mark 10:45, Ephesians 5:2, Philippians 2:3-4)