

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

DARING TO DELIGHT IN LEVITICUS EXODUS 40:34- Leviticus 1:1; 20:26

Main Thought: In order to delight in Leviticus and see how it may apply to our lives today, we must understand some preliminary concepts.

1. THE ORIGINAL OF _____ LEVITICUS.
2. THE _____ AND PURPOSE OF LEVITICUS.
 - 1) Author: _____
 - 2) Purpose: "You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own." (Leviticus 20:26)
3. THE STRUCTURAL _____ OF LEVITICUS.
 - 1) Chapters 1-7: Ritual sacrifices
 - 2) Chapters 8-10: Ordination of priests
 - 3) Chapters 11-15: Laws about ritual purity
 - 4) Chapters 16-17: The Day of Atonement
 - 5) Chapters 18-20: Laws about moral purity
 - 6) Chapters 21-22: Qualifications of priests
 - 7) Chapters 23-27: Ritual calendar of feasts
4. TWO BASIC INTERPRETIVE _____ WHEN IT COMES TO GOD'S LAW FOUND IN LEVITICUS.
 - 1) Law does not _____ before redemption but after it.
 - 2) Law reflects the _____ of the law giver.
5. HOW LEVITICUS HELPS US _____ THE NEW COVENANT IN CHRIST.
 - 1) Jesus is the _____ and for all time atoning sacrifice for our sin (Lev. 16, Heb. 10:1-14, 19)
 - 2) Jesus is our Great High _____ (Lev. 9:7; 16:6; Heb.7:26-28)
 - 3) We are a chosen _____ and a royal priesthood. (1 Pet. 2:9)

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you skim the Book of Leviticus.

2. Read Exodus 40:33-35, Leviticus 1:1, and Numbers 1:1. How does Moses' inability to enter the tent demonstrate the problem between God and Israel? How do the first sentences of Leviticus and Numbers give us clues about the purpose of the book of Leviticus?

3. Skim Leviticus 1-7: Notice the different purposes of all five offerings: What are those purposes? How do the Grain and Fellowship offerings express gratefulness to God?

4. Skim Leviticus 11-15: Notice that all the ways a person becomes "unclean," are signs of mortality or death. How did these symbolic behaviors communicate something powerful about God's holiness dwelling in the midst of Israel?

5. Skim Leviticus 18-20: In these laws about moral purity, notice the emphasis put on sexual purity and social justice. Notice how living by these laws would set Israel apart from all other nations (see especially Leviticus 18:1-5). Why does God call his people to holiness in these areas specifically?

6. Skim Leviticus 23-25: Notice the emphasis put on calendar rhythms and how important they are to help God's people remember who they are and who God is. Do you have any rhythms of this kind in your life? Why or why not?

7. Read Leviticus 16-17: After watching the priests perform this ritual, what insights would it give to your own sin and selfish decisions? What would you learn about God's character? Read the description of "atonement" and sacrifice in 17:11-12: how does it highlight both God's justice and mercy at the same time?