

The Priesthood of the Saints and Worship

Whereas, believers (every believer) in the Lord Jesus Christ are “the called of Jesus Christ... beloved of God, **called to be saints**” (i.e., “holy ones”) (Romans 1:6-7; I Corinthians 1:2; Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1); and,

Whereas, the Lord Jesus Christ “hath made us kings and **priests unto God** and His Father” (Revelation 1:5-6); and,

Whereas, we as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are “lively stones, built up a spiritual house, **an holy priesthood**, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (I Peter 2:5); and,

Whereas, we as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ are “a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood**, an holy nation, a peculiar people” (I Peter 2:9); and,

Whereas, we as a holy and royal priesthood in Christ are to “**offer up spiritual sacrifices**, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ” (I Peter 2:5); and,

Whereas, the LORD God has revealed in His sacred word the kind of sacrifices that please Him such as the sacrifice of “a broken spirit – a broken and a contrite heart” (Psalm 51:17); the sacrifice of “our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God” (Romans 12:1); the sacrifice of “praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name” (Hebrews 13:15); and the sacrifices of doing “good” and “communicating” (i.e., to fellowship/share [from *koinonia*]; Hebrews 13:16); and,

Whereas, we as a holy and royal priesthood in Christ are to offer up all such sacrifices out of a heart of love for the Father, for one another, and for our neighbor seeking to obey His commandments (Mark 12:29-31 and I John 5:1-3);

Be it therefore resolved that we, the messengers of the Pennsylvania Association of Regular Baptist Churches, meeting September 15-17, 2025, hosted at Grace Baptist Church of Kittanning, do hereby commit ourselves to be obedient and faithful in our holy and royal priesthood to God.

Be it further resolved that we will seek to daily offer our bodies to God with contrition over our sin, and praise and thanks for His grace in Christ.

Be it further resolved that we will seek to do good to one another, sharing and caring for one another in ways that edify the Body of Christ.

Finally, be it resolved that in all of our “offering up spiritual sacrifices” as a “holy and royal priesthood” we shall seek to be motivated by a heart that loves the Father and seeks to draw attention to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.