Sacrifice

a message from the shepherds

Throughout the Bible we read of sacrifice.

Genesis tells of the offerings of Cain and Abel. The Hebrew writer explains that Abel, by faith, offered to God 'a better sacrifice'. Paul writes in Ephesians that Christ gave Himself as an 'offering and sacrifice' for us. With these and many other passages the inspired word testifies of God's attention to sacrifice.

We will be making some changes this spring quarter to help us focus on pleasing God in the way we offer our lives and our worship to Him.

First, we will be using the theme of 'Sacrifice' this quarter in an effort to direct our minds towards this important concept. We will be including teachings in the bulletin, from the pulpit, in worship, and in classes that center on the idea of Christ's sacrifice for us and how our lives need to serve as a sacrifice to God.

"...let it be for the edification of the church."

(1Cor. 14:12)

The adult class on Sunday morning will be studying the Lord's Supper which is both given to us as a reminder of Christ's sacrifice and also a means of offering worship to God in the way, time, and place commanded.

The introduction to the Lord's Supper will also be changed beginning in March. The scripture reading will be moved to the beginning of service and will be of a general nature. This will be a call to worship and an opportunity to focus our mind on the purpose for which we gather. Before the Lord's Supper we will now have a brief message intended to focus us on Christ's sacrifice and the purpose of the Lord's Supper.

Please use these opportunities to think upon the marvelous gift of the Lamb of God and how our lives need to reflect that sacrifice in all we think, say, and do.

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