

Wired for Worship
“Jesus Makes Our Worship Acceptable”

Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Part One: Through Jesus

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1. No More Religious Systems!

A. The Old Way

⁷But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.

Hebrews 9:7 (NIV)

B. The New Way

-Christ is final offering that covers all sins past and to come

-The audience would have been familiar with the sights and sounds of a weekly or yearly sacrifice

-We don't have to bring a sacrifice to attempt to make us right with God

²⁴For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him. **Hebrews 9:24-28 (NIV)**

¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God. **Hebrews 10:12 (NIV)**

-When Christ died the temple curtain was torn and the way was open for us to approach God

³⁷With a loud cry, Jesus breathed his last. ³⁸The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. ³⁹And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus, heard his cry and saw how he died, he said, "Surely this man was the Son of God!"

Mark 15:37-39 (NIV)

C. The Reality

¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. **Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)**

2. Christ Nails Open the Door To God!

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. **Romans 8:1-2 (NIV)**

-The debt is paid there is no condemnation and we are:

Eternally forgiven!	Rescued!
Washed clean!	Made new!
Recreated!	Reborn!

Part Two: Continually

¹⁵ Through Jesus, therefore, let us **CONTINUALLY** offer to God a sacrifice of praise--the fruit of lips that confess his name. **Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)**

3. Christ Allows Us to **CONTINUALLY** Worship God

Brings worship into:

- Our classrooms
- Our work places
- Our hangout places
- Our athletic events
- Our text messages
- Our entertainment choices
- Our thoughts
- Our conversations

God to us, "Reflect me in all that you do, bring me more than a song, bring me your life, and make your life a continuous song of worship to me!"

Going deeper on your own:

1. Read Leviticus 16 to learn more about when the day of atonement that started with Aaron who had to make a sacrifice for the forgiveness of Israel's sin. Hebrews 9:7 also talks about the priest entering on the Day of Atonement.
2. Reading through the book of Hebrews would be a longer read but it really paints the clear picture of the old way vs. the new way through Christ.
3. How does John 14:6 relate to the message?

Questions to talk about as a family:

1. Why is it important to remember that our worship is "through Jesus"? What difference does it make?
2. How does understanding the old sacrificial way help us better understand why Jesus offered his life as a sacrifice for ours?
3. What does it look like to worship God continually?
4. What adjustments do you need to make in your life to worship God continually?

The Big Idea: Jesus is the everlasting door that we enter through to worship God.