



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

KEY INGREDIENTS OF ACCEPTABLE SERVICE

We bless the name of our heavenly father for giving us another opportunity to come before Him. We are also grateful to Him for the abundance of blessings he showers on us day after day. Could you believe it's the last Sunday of June today and we are officially in the summer season after the bitter winter and largely mild spring? Our God is awesome in His wisdom not to allow one season to suppress the other. Now is the season of sunshine and warmth. Therefore, let us arise and shine to the Glory of God. For those who attended last Sunday's "March for Jesus", you cannot help but praise the Almighty God to realize that there are people in this land who can openly declare their faith and love for God in public view. People of all nationalities and races were there to proclaim the sovereignty of Jesus over Canada. We should set out time today bless the name of Lord for the huge success of that event.

In continuation with our theme for the month of June (Acceptable Service), we shall be considering the topic: "Key Ingredients of Acceptable Service."

Topic: Key Ingredients of Acceptable Service

Our Heavenly Father requires us to serve Him with the whole of our heart and soul - this is stated in **Deuteronomy 10:12**. Jesus Christ gave us a great example of what an acceptable service is and in **1 John 2:6**, the Bible makes us to understand that if we say we abide in God, then we must follow the example of Christ. There are at least 3 ingredients of acceptable service that can be found in the life of Jesus Christ. These prerequisites for acceptable service can be summarized from **Romans 12:1**.

1. Present your body as a living sacrifice.

Before your service can be acceptable, you have to be accepted first. We need to understand that the first step is to give our lives as living sacrifices. Jesus Christ gave himself as a living sacrifice. This is what God requires of us just as Apostle Paul said - be ready to spend and be spent - (**2 Corinthians 12:15**). When you sacrifice yourself, please do it cheerfully! Not grudgingly nor of necessity (**2 Corinthians 9:7**).

2. Be an example of living holy

If Our Father is incomparably holy, then for our service to be acceptable unto Him, we have to be holy. We should be "like father, like children." It follows immediately that as our father is holy so must we be holy (**1 Peter 1:15-16**). How holy? **Romans 12:1** says holy, acceptable unto the Lord! This holiness that is acceptable unto God means no contamination. No contamination however 'little'. Every 'little' contamination is dangerous. In **John 14:30**, Jesus Christ said "*the prince of this world cometh unto me and has nothing in me*". In other words, He is saying the devil has come and examined him from 'top to bottom' and discovered that Jesus is holy with no contamination. Some people's behaviour is driving others away from becoming Christians and yet they come to church and say they are giving acceptable service to the Almighty God! Let your life manifest acceptable service!

3. Be focused and steadfast in the service

You cannot afford to be distracted (**Luke 9:62**). Do not allow either praise, criticisms, titles, money, lack of money, pride, lust etc. to distract you. Do not let whatever anybody says whether in praise or criticism make a difference at all. For your service to be acceptable to God, we must shed every weight (praises, titles, criticisms, persecution etc) In **Hebrews 12:1** - Jesus Christ was focused and He endured the cross and despised the shame.

To earn the eternal reward, one has to be focused and steadfast. Your reward in heaven will be great. Whatever reward you get here on earth stays here on earth. It is the reward you get in heaven that will last forever (**Hebrews 12:1-2**).

Begin today by becoming a living sacrifice, live holy, and be focused and steadfast for your service to be acceptable unto God!

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by it, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org.