

What Are Sacraments?

*"This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me."
Matthew 15:8, English Standard Version*

Is there a "_____ pass" to get us straight to God's _____?

What The Religious World Means By "Sacraments"

- A. An old myth says that _____ from the Holy _____ will _____ a person of all their illnesses. Are sacraments like that?
- B. Defining "sacraments":
 - 1. Christianity.com: "... a _____ sign of an _____ grace." Protestants recognize two: _____ and the _____'s _____, while others recognize _____ sacraments.
 - 2. Jackson: "... the _____ notion that these rites, in and of themselves, bestowed _____ quite apart from a _____ - motivated, personal submission to the will of God."
- C. Does the mere act of doing these things lead to _____?

What Truly Leads To God's Blessings

- A. Genesis 3:22-24 – Just _____ from the _____ of Life would give great blessings. But _____ separated them from that gift.
- B. Attempts to "jump the line" don't work with God:
 - 1. Isaiah 1:13-15 – Their _____ to God were vain because their _____ were full of _____.
 - 2. Malachi 1:10 – They were kindling fire on God's _____ in _____. He would not _____ their offerings.
 - 3. Matthew 15:7-9 – Their worship to God was in _____ because their _____ were _____ from Him.
- C. God's blessings depend on a faith-driven life:
 - 1. Romans 6:1-4 - _____ has power to _____ us from sin if we view it as our _____ in Christ, from which we will be _____ to walk in _____ of life.
 - 2. Acts 19:1-5 – These 12 men had been _____, but not with the right _____.
 - 3. Luke 22:19 – Jesus commanded _____ of Him when we partake of communion.
 - 4. 1 Corinthians 11:28,29 – There must also be self-_____.
- D. Romans 6:17,18 – Obedience must be from the _____.

The marriage bond is not in the _____, but in the _____.

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