Intro: During the time of the writing of this letter the Hebrew peoples were in a very _________ _________. ... It was a pivotal point in redemptive history for the only national Covenant the Hebrews had ever known was closed out as God through Christ inaugurated the _____ and better ________________.

A. It was a very exciting time but also, with the great change in the Covenants with one superseding the other, it was a time when many would be shaken asking, "What do these things mean? If we are no longer to go the Levitical priests to represent us before God then to whom shall we go? If we no longer make blood sacrifices then what sacrifices are we to make? If we are not to worship at the Temple then where shall we worship? _______ _______ _______ ________?"

B. As we open to our text of study this wonderful Lord’s Day, we continue to read as the Author instructs us in the sacrifices of _________ that belong exclusively to those who have faith in Christ Jesus. This morning we learn of the worship that is born of faith: through whom it is offered, what it looks like, and to whom it ___ ____________

I. We who are New Covenant believers _________ God _________ Christ _________ as He is the Redeeming Sacrifice who was offered upon the altar of the cross on our behalf!

A. It is only through Christ, in whom we believe that we can offer worship to God for _________ from Christ Jesus there is ___ _________!

1. We have free access to the Father _________ the blood of the Christ, His only begotten Son, and through _________ _________ only!

B. Our praises offered the Father through Jesus are to be offered continually, _________ ________.

C. Our praise offered up through Jesus is offered up ___ _______ not as some meritorious service or something that is of redemptive value but as that which recognizes Christ’s meritorious service and the redemptive value of His sacrifice, glorifying the Father as He _______ __ ____________ of all thanksgiving having sent His begotten Son to be the Savior of the world.

1. The sacrifice of praise is the fruit of the lips that give thanks to His name. It is _________ praise that flows from the lips of those who ________________ the Lord for the great things He has done.

2. There is no redemptive forward looking sacrifice we can add or _________ for with Christ’s sacrifice offered our sacrifices can be offered only in ____________ giving.
D. Beyond offering verbal __________ of thanksgiving to God through Christ we are also to offer up physical acts of thanksgiving through Christ to God by giving our attention to __________ __________ and sharing.

1. The *good doing* by which we are to give thanks to God through faith in Christ is not limited to any specific act but is freely expressed in every worshipful act of doing __________. Whatever we do that is good is to be done through Christ as __________ to God.

2. Here is high and holy worship offered up to God through Jesus Christ our Lord: __________ what we have with others.

3. The call to worship God by sharing our life and earthly goods is indeed a call to _____ __ ______ in Christ, thereby glorifying our Father.

4. Dear Christian, Christ didn't save you to be a fool like the rich man of Luke 12 but that you would be rich toward the God who of His richness saved you; through Christ __________ with others as praises of __________ to God!

5. In praise to God we are to be faithful stewards handling that which God has entrusted to our care with a heart of __________ and merciful benevolence toward others, as a means of __________ Him praise through Christ.

E. It is the humble and contrite spirit that pleases the ________, and here that spirit is revealed in verbal praises and good doing and sharing that is carried out by faith in Christ, and so is God pleased, so ________ __________.

**Closing:** Perhaps we would be tempted to think that these are not significant acts of __________, this praising God with voices filled with thanksgiving, this doing good and sharing, but here these are presented to us as so significant that the Holy Spirit had the penman record these as __________ examples of thanksgiving for all the church of all the years to read and thereby offer such acceptable sacrifices of praise to God!

Do not make small of that which pleases God! God desires not animal sacrifices, not our going to a Temple or involving ourselves in any work thinking it to be meritorious, redeeming or atoning but He desires that we give thanks to Him through faith in Jesus Christ, who made the atoning sacrifice, giving Him worth-ship by verbally praising Him, doing good to others, and sharing what we have with those in need. Now, __________ __________ Jesus, as we have learned, let us worship God in spirit and in truth!

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