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The Significance of the Altar

Fellowship with God and His People

Joshua 22

Sanctification of Offerings

Joshua 22:29; Matthew 23:18-20



Fellowship with God is Exclusively Through Christ

Christ is the Altar by Which We Have Fellowship with God

- A call to remember and remain — **Hebrews 13:7-9**
- A bold reminder — **Hebrews 13:10** — “*we have an altar*”
- A powerful explanation — **Hebrews 13:11-12**
- An exhortation — **Hebrews 13:13-14**



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This Altar Excludes All Others

- Exclusive way — John 14:6; Ephesians 1:3; Galatians 3:26-29
- Exclusive Himself — Matthew 16:13-17
- Doctrine — Hebrews 13:7-9; 2:1-4
- Practice — Ephesians 4:20-24; Hebrews 3:12-14



Acceptable Spiritual Offerings are Exclusively Through Christ

Christ is the Altar by Which We Offer Acceptable Spiritual Sacrifices to God

- The altar is where the offerings are made — **Hebrews 7:13**
- Christ is our altar — **Hebrews 13:10-16**
- Incorrect altar, not accepted, rebellion — **Joshua 22:29;**
Matthew 23:19
- Accepted by God through Christ — **1 Peter 2:4-5**



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- Acceptable worship and service cannot be found outside of Christ — **Ephesians 1:22-23; 3:21**
 - Location — **Ephesians 4:4**
 - Form and substance — **Ephesians 1:22-23**
- Offerings on a different altar — **Matthew 7:21-23**
- Unauthorized offerings on the altar — **Colossians 2:20-3:1, 17**



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