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Introduction

In the Apostolic Pentecostal faith, we understand that Jesus Christ paid the ultimate price for our salvation through His death on the cross. His sacrifice grants us access to eternal life, forgiveness of sins, and a relationship with God. However, while He has done the work of redemption, we are called to respond with our own sacrifice. This booklet explores the nature of Christ's sacrifice, the call to sacrifice in our lives, and the blessings that come from living a sacrificial life.

Chapter 1

The Price He Paid

- Isaiah 53:5: “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”
- Jesus bore our sins and suffered in our place, fulfilling the prophecy of the suffering servant.
- 1 Peter 1:18-19: “Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”
- The price of our redemption is invaluable, paid with the blood of Jesus. Acts 2:38 is the only bible plan of full bible Salvation.

Chapter 2

The Call to Sacrifice

- Romans 12:1: “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”
- We are called to offer ourselves as living sacrifices, dedicating our lives to God’s service.
- Matthew 16:24: “Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.’”
- Sacrifice involves self-denial and a commitment to following Christ, even in difficult times.

Chapter 3

The Nature of Sacrifice

- Hebrews 13:15-16: “Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”
- Our sacrifices are not limited to physical offerings; they include our praise, good deeds, and acts of kindness.
- Philippians 2:17: “Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.”

- Sacrifice may involve pouring ourselves out for the benefit of others and the advancement of the Gospel.

Chapter 4

The Blessings of Sacrifice

- Luke 6:38: “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.”
- When we sacrifice, we open the door for God’s blessings to flow back into our lives.
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-8: “But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”
- The principle of sowing and reaping applies to our sacrifices; generous giving leads to abundant blessings.

Chapter 5

Examples of Sacrifice in the Bible

- Abraham: His willingness to sacrifice Isaac demonstrated his faith and obedience to God (Genesis 22).
- The Widow’s Mite: Her small offering was a

significant sacrifice in the eyes of Jesus (Mark 12:41-44).

- Paul: His life was marked by sacrifice for the sake of the Gospel (Philippians 3:7-8).

Chapter 6

Living a Sacrificial Life Today

- Daily Decisions: Each day presents opportunities to sacrifice our time, resources, and comfort for the sake of others and the Kingdom of God.
- Serving in the Church: Engage in ministry and outreach, offering your gifts and talents to serve others.
- Witnessing: Share the Gospel, even when it requires stepping out of your comfort zone.

Conclusion

Jesus paid the ultimate price for our salvation, and in response, we are called to make sacrifices in our lives. This may involve giving up our desires, serving others, and living a life that honors God. As we embrace this call to sacrifice, we will experience the fullness of His blessings and the joy of a life dedicated to Him.

Call to Action

- Encourage congregants to reflect on their lives and identify areas where they can sacrifice for God and others.
- Invite them to commit to being living sacrifices, serving in the church and community, and sharing the love of Christ with those around them.

My Sermon booklet emphasizes the importance of sacrifice in the life of a believer, grounded in Scripture and aligned with Apostolic Pentecostal teachings.