

## “The Christian Life: Sacrifice and Progress”

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**T**he Christian life is a life of sacrifice and progress. Jesus showed us what sacrifice really was when he went to the cruel cross and gave His life in order that each one of us might have forgiveness of sins through obedience in Him. His sacrifice paved the way of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him (Heb. 5:9). What Jesus asks of us in return for His sacrifice is that we sacrifice our life to do His will and continue to progress along the way.

### Our Sacrifice

The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 12:1-2: “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. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” The word “sacrifice” does not mean that which may be convenient for us to do. When we truly sacrifice for the Lord, we are putting Him first (Matt 6:33; Col 3:2) in our life and all the material pleasures, wants, and even our own self-will second. When we really do that, then we are making sacrifices for the Lord.

Many things are included in our sacrifice for the Lord. One of the areas in which we are expected to sacrifice for Him is in our giving. We should give to the Lord's cause our money to the extent of sacrifice - not that which is convenient or left over. We should also be willing to work in Christ's vineyard to the extent of sacrifice - not ONLY when everything else that we must do gets done first. That is usually why sometimes there is not a lot of work (physically and spiritually) getting done for the cause of Christ. We are not sacrificing our time to ensure first things are taken care of first!

Our bodies are also to be offered as a sacrifice to the Lord. I ask you to read those two verses again. Notice that our bodies are to be sacrificed to God as being holy and acceptable. Anything that we are doing with our body that is not considered holy and acceptable to God is sinful and we are not making sacrifice for Him. Paul says this is our reasonable service, meaning it should be a voluntary service be-

cause we love God to the extent that we WANT to do EVERYTHING that is pleasing to Him.

Our lives should be lived (sacrificed) so that others can see in us that we are proving those things which are only good and acceptable in the eyes of God. Can that be said of each one of us? Are we really living for God and not ourselves or someone else? We sacrifice to God because of His mercies toward us. Brethren, it is our “reasonable service!”

### Our Progress

We live in an age of progress. We see progress in education, travel, and farming. Progress is God's order. Plants and trees grow, and all nature rises higher. God has always expected man to progress in life. But what about the Christian? We are not talking about a progress to a higher life socially and financially. In fact, this kind of progress for an individual is often an impediment (Matthew 6:25). We are not talking about progress intellectually only because the devil is wise, but not good. Even Solomon's wisdom did not keep him from sin.

The Christian's progress should be a progress in faith, love, and devotion to God. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:58: “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” We should always strive to grow in the Lord. Let us run the race so that we might obtain the crown of life (1 Corinthians 9:24), pressing toward the mark (Philippians 3:13-14).

I would encourage all of us to look at our life and make sure that we are really sacrificing and progressing in the Lord's work. If we are not, then make the necessary changes that will “prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

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THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, DELHI,  
ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK'**

Enkaitu : Jamson Guite

**BIBLE CLASS**  
**Class** : **Teacher**  
Adult : James, Siamkhanmuan  
Inter. : Biakmang & Jamson  
Junior : Minlun & Suanlian  
Primary : Vungngaihkim & Rose  
Beginner : Chingkhanlun & Nuam

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**THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

**"Khamuangtak in ka lum dia, ka ihmu diing hi: Toupa,  
nangmah mah na hi, kei kia a leng bittak a hon  
omsak gige." - Sam 4:8**

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**BIAKNA HUNZEEK**

**TOUPA' NI**

**DATE 2.7.2023**

Hun-uk thumna : Thongginlian  
Lapi : Chinlunmang  
Thilpiak : Dongkhanlian  
Theihgigena : Thangbiakmang  
Thugen : Jamson  
Thumna : Thangliankhup

**MIDWEEK ONLINE BIBLE CLASS**

**DATE 5.7.2023**

Thumna : Pauminlun  
Sinsaktu : Chuck Horner  
Thumna : Thangbiaklun

**KIGINNI**

**DATE 8.7.2023**

Hun-uk thumna : Lang James  
Lapi : Siamkhanmuan  
Thugen : Pauminlun  
Thumna : Mungsuan

**TOUPA' NI**

**DATE 9.7.2023**

Hun-uk thumna : Lang James  
Lapi : Siamkhanmuan  
Thilpiak : Doukhanhual  
Theihgigena : Amjangthang  
Thugen : Mungmuanlian  
Thumna : Joseph Suantak

**LOHCHINGTAK A ZOH IN OM**

Evangelism deparment saina a kal paita ningaini leh sintawpni a piangthak nailoute a diing bible class unaupa Thangbiakmang inn a neih a ompen lohchingtak a zoh in om hi. Hiai hun ah tuailai mi 7 telsuak uhi.

Intekte' kipakzohna thupi sak in om. AC nuai a nuamtak a class kineih banah a nupa un sintawpni suti lalai uhi. Huan, program sung in unaupa Jangthangte innkuan an huan in pang ua unaunu Hauching inleng sintawpni suti la hial hi. Unaunu Chiinzamawi in raita meh in hon vak a, office asstant in unaupa Biakmang gari zang in class a tel pi leh khak ngaite thanuamtak in kha hi. Unaute i pankhopna uh leh thumnate ziak in lohchingtak in kizou thei a, agah muh theih diing piangthak bang hong om sawnlai ziak in i kipak tungtuan uhi.

**PIANGTHAK**

Zan kiginni zinglam in Chingngaihman c/o unaupa Thangbiakmang in khelnate ngaihdamna diing in Jesu Khris min in baptisma tang in Toupa Saptuam a behlap in omta hi. I kipak petmah ua Toupa min i phat uhi. Saptuam in baptisma tanna dia i bawlhak pen uh kizang a unaupa Khenpi-te innkuan in apoimoh tui ana sung in bangkim feltak in ana sai uhi. Uanute hunkhop paikhawm in thumna leh hasotna hun amun kizang hi.

**USHER THAK DIINGTE**

July leh August sung a usher na hon sepsak diing in unaute Jangthang, Robert leh Master Thanglemlal hi diing uhi. Amaute'n zan kiginni apan in mohpuakna ana lata uhi. Thuman in amaute bangkim ah kithuahpih siausi-au ni hang.

**HONGZIN**

Unaunu Biaknem damlouhna vai in Lamka apan in hongzin a tun ilak uah omlel. Lamzangtak a hong ki-etsak a damna hoihzaw toh a ki-knawn i deihsak thu i taklang uh.

Unaupa Mungmuanlian leng mimal vai khenkhat ziak in suti la in Delhi hongzin a tun ilak uah omlel hi. Sawtlua omlou in Lamka lam ah ki-knawn diing hi.

**DELHI HONG PHAZUAL**

Unaupa Chinpau in sepna toh kisai in Delhi hong phazual a kal paita Toupa ni in biakna ah hong kihel thei hi. Aman zan in a sepna lam a honna kiksian nawnpah hi.

**SEPNA LAM AH KIKNAWNTA**

Suti a hong paizual unaupa Thanglianmang in kal paita seppatni in a sepna mun West Bengal lam ah honna kiksian nawnta.

**NGAPLOU**

Master Ginlunsang khosik ziak in ngaplou in ana om hi. Tun ahiehleh Pathian panpihna toh damsangta. Damna hoihtak ahon neih theihpah ziak in i kipak uh.

**VISITATION PROGRAM**

Preacher in a visitation program diing athak hon bawl nawnta. Unaute'n eimah copy diing i kilak chiat diing uh. Huan, ei inn vehni diing chiamteh chiat a huai ni a alem leh lemlouh preacher thuzak diing in i kithesak uhi.

**MEETING OM DIING**

A hongtung diing tu kiginni chiang in workplan a genkholhsa bang in unaupa Kamkhenhang inn a Saptuam business meeting om nawn diing. Unaute'n ngaipoimoh in a tam theilam tel diing in kisa ni.