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The Altar: Poured Out For Us

We're People Of The Spirit

1) **Spirit-Empowered.**
2) **Spirit-Filled.**
3) **Spirit-Led**.

The Altar Signifies A Place Of Sacrifice, Surrender And Encounter

The Altar Isn't Just A Good Idea; It's A Spiritual Necessity

Leviticus 6:13 - *Remember, the fire must be kept burning on the altar at all times. It must never go out.*

Hebrews 13:10-16 - *We have an altar from which the priests in the Tabernacle have no right to eat.* [11] *Under the old system, the high priest brought the blood of animals into the Holy Place as a sacrifice for sin, and the bodies of the animals were burned outside the camp.* [12] *So also Jesus suffered and died outside the city gates to make his people holy by means of his own blood.* [13] *So let us go out to him, outside the camp, and bear the disgrace he bore.* [14] *For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come.* [15] *Therefore, let us offer through Jesus a continual sacrifice of praise to God, proclaiming our allegiance to his name.* [16] *And don't forget to do good and to share with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.*

Leviticus 16:27 - *The bull and the goat presented as sin offerings, whose blood Aaron takes into the Most Holy Place for the purification ceremony, will be carried outside the camp. The animals' hides, internal organs, and dung are all to be burned.*

Hebrews 9:11-14 - *So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world.* [12] *With his own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—he entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.* [13] *Under the old system, the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer could cleanse people's bodies from ceremonial impurity.* [14] *Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.*

Hebrews 8:1-2 - *Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven.* [2] *There he ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle, the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands.*

1. **Make Christ The Center Of Your Worship.**

Romans 12:1 - *Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies [dedicating all of yourselves, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship.* AMP

1) **Acknowledging Jesus As The Ultimate Authority In Your Life.**
2) **Voluntarily Surrendering Control Of Your Life To Him.**

2. **Choose To Live "Outside The Camp".**

Embracing The Cost Of Discipleship

3. **Choose To Live Sacrificially Both Spiritually and Materially**.

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Hosea 14:2 - *…Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us, so that we may offer you our praises.*

Our Living Should Strike A Blow At The Self-Centeredness Of Our Times

Philippians 4:18 - *I am generously supplied with the gifts you sent me with Epaphroditus. They are a sweet-smelling sacrifice that is acceptable and pleasing to God.*

An Encounter With God Is Essential To Pentecostal Spirituality