# FRONT RANGE BIBLE CHURCH AND FELLOWSHIP BIBLE CHURCH

Seeking the Lord's will for the future.

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Considering a provisional common Doctrinal Statement.

9. We believe in the priesthood of all believers, and the individual's personal responsibility to live in obedience to God and His Word. (I Peter 2:9; Colossians 3:16)

# What is a "priest"?

ISBE Def<sup>n</sup>: A priest is one who is duly authorized to minister in sacred things, particularly to offer sacrifices at the altar, and who acts as mediator between men and God.

Cf. Hebrews 5:1-6 The author references...

- Aaron, under the Mosaic Law, 4.
- Christ, 5-6
- Melchizedek, 6, 10.

## So generally, a priest...

- Was selected by God for the office, Heb.5:4.
- Represents God to the people, Heb. 2:17.
- Offers gifts and sacrifices to God for the people, Heb. 5:1, 3
- Both in offering sacrifices, and in prayer, the priest intercedes on behalf of others,

# Old Testament Background...

#### Before The Law...

- Job
- Melchizedek
- Priests before the Law, Exo. 19:21-25

#### Under The Law...

- Levites
- Aaron and his sons

### Priesthood in the New Testament...

Jesus, our Great High Priest

Christians as Priests...

- Our appointment by God
- Our access to God

### Priesthood in the New Testament...

- Christians as Priests: Our Service...
  - Offering spiritual sacrifices!
  - Our bodies, Romans 12:1
  - Ministering the gospel, Romans 15:16
  - Praise to God, Hebrews 13:15
  - Doing good works, Hebrews 13:16
  - Sharing, Hebrews 13:16

"...and the individual's personal responsibility to live in obedience to God and His Word...

- Col. 3:16
- Romans 12:1-2, 9-13, and the rest of Romans
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- James 1:22-25
- 1 Peter 1:13-16; 2:1-2
- 2 Peter 1:2-9

And many

others!!!



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