

From Worry to Worship - Part 3 - Made for Worship Mark Rouse / mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com August 19, 2018

For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. - Romans 11:36

Worship: <u>*WORTH*</u> - ship; recognizing and respecting the true worth or value something has; something worthy of our devotion.

THE NOT SO GREAT EXCHANGE

Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. ²² Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. ²³ And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles. - Romans 1:21-23

• We worship things that don't <u>DESERVE</u> it.

Do not worship any other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. - Exodus 34:14

• Our <u>PRIDE</u> gets in the way.

Yet at the same time many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not openly acknowledge their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue; ⁴³ for they loved human praise more than praise from God. - John 12:42-43

- We think worship is just an **<u>EVENT</u>**.
- We choose <u>TRADITION</u> over worship.

WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS

But the time is coming - indeed it's here now - when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way. ²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth. - John 4:23-24

1) <u>THANK HIM</u> with my sincere affection.

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. - Habakkuk 3:17-18

2) OFFER HIM control of my life.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. - Romans 12:1

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him. - 2 Chronicles 16:9

3) INCLUDE HIM in my everyday life.

The Lord directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. ²⁴ Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the Lord holds them by the hand. - Psalm 37:23-24

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. - Revelation 4:11