

Faithful to the Word of God – An Overview of Systematic Theology

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Introduction to Session 39, “Worship in the Church”

Part 2 in a study of Ecclesiology, the study of the nature, function, and mission of the church

Preview

- We did Part 1 of this study of Ecclesiology in February on the day of our first Biannual Family Meeting of 2024. Some notes from that study:
 - Ecclesiology. From the Greek “ekklesia.” Meaning those who have been called out, or chosen by God (Mat 16:18)
 - However, the church is always a mixed body of true and false believers (Mat 13:24-30). Therefore, there is always a distinction between the visible church and the invisible church
 - It is our duty as those who belong to the Lord to be part of the institutional church He has established

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“Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, ‘*Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!*’ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, ‘*To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!*’ And the four living creatures said, ‘*Amen!*’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

The Revelation to John, 5:12-14

- As creatures made in the image of God, we were made to worship our creator
- When the Spirit of God regenerates a human being, we gain a hunger and capacity for worship that we never had before
- One of the essential elements in the corporate gathering of the church is the expression of worship. Its is the main reason we are there. But what is it?
 - Worship: To assign worth or value to God.
 - The root of all sin is to withhold from God the honor that properly belongs to Him (Rom 1:18-21)

- Biblically, to worship is to bestow glory, exaltation or praise, typically by offering a gift we regard as valuable
 - The sacrifice we offer is the substance of our entire lives (Rom 12:1)
- Biblical worship is a posture of adoration, an intense feeling of affection, reverence, and awe that takes place in the innermost recesses of our soul
 - Jesus proclaimed that those who worship God must worship Him in spirit, from that deep core of being (Jn 4:23-24)
- We see dynamic principles in the Old Testament that may be blended together to teach us to offer the proper kind of honor and adoration and praise that God requires