

THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH Pt. 2

A. The SPIRITUAL PRIORITY of WORSHIP.

B. The SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES of WORSHIP. (John 4)

1. The *need* for worship is underscored by the fact that God the Father is legitimately _____ people to worship Him. (4:23b)
2. The *meaning* of “worship” involves _____.
3. The *place* of true worship is _____ the pressing issue but the _____, _____, and _____ are. (4:20-24)
4. The *object* of true worship is _____ alone. (4:21, 23, 24)
5. The *framework* of true worship involves a correct understanding of _____ and His _____, starting with the _____ He alone provides and offers. (4:22)
6. The *manner* of true worship necessitates that a true worshipper _____ worship God in _____ and in _____. (4:23, 24)
7. The *initial condition* for true worship is entering into a _____ with God through _____ alone in _____. (4:25ff)

B. The SPIRITUAL OBSERVATIONS on WORSHIP GATHERINGS in the EARLY CHURCH.

1. Keep in mind that most early Christians were _____ who had trusted in the Lord Jesus Christ and were accustomed to _____ services, though Gentile Christians were added to the Church later in time. What did these synagogue gatherings consist of?
2. There is _____ place in the New Testament that specifically lays out what a “worship service” must consist of; thus, all observations are _____, not necessarily _____, though there are some _____ we can draw from these observations.

C. The SNAPSHOTS of Early Christian “Worship” Gatherings:

1. Acts 2:42-47 - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?
2. Acts 13:1-5, 14:26-28 – What new elements was involved in their worship gathering?
3. Acts 20:7-12 - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?
4. 1 Corinthians 11:17-32 - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?
5. 1 Corinthians 14:5-19 - What elements were involved in their worship gathering?

- Is “MUSIC” the same as “worship”? _____. However, if done biblically, music can be an INSTRUMENT for the worship of the true God IF DONE IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH by BELIEVERS in fellowship with the Lord with CLEAR LYRICS that are doctrinally sound that EXALT THE LORD and EDIFY BELIEVERS.
6. 1 Corinthians 14:23-26, 40 - What elements were involved in their worship gathering? What was the bottom-line issue that kept surfacing? (14:4, 5, 12, 17, 26)?
7. 1 Corinthians 16:1-4 - What can we learn from this passage? The collection of a _____ was part of the church service and worship to God. (Hebrews 13:16)
8. Colossians 3:16 - What can we learn from this passage?
- a. That worship begins with the WOG impacting our own hearts, then singing with gratitude to the Lord which is _____, and which teaches and admonishes other believers involving _____.
 - b. A _____ of doctrinally sound music is encouraged, as is congregational singing.
9. 1 Timothy 2:1-3, 8
10. 1 Timothy 4:13 - What can we learn from this passage? The public reading (and hearing) of _____ was clearly instructed in an expository preaching manner.
11. 2 Timothy 4:2 - What can we learn from this passage? _____ the WOG with sound doctrine and practical applications are to be an integral part of the public assembly.
12. Hebrews 10:24-25 - What can we learn from this passage?
- a. The imperative of assembling with other believers if possible and _____ this.
 - b. The need of “body life” and the _____ when the church gathers.
- What can we learn from these observations?
- 1) The _____ of God as a local church is found throughout the NT. and is a high _____.
 - 2) There is _____ prescribed order of service found in the NT. {It appears to be decided by each local church as the Holy Spirit led.}
 - 3) Elements of worship involved such activities as:
 - * the public reading & expository teaching of WOG, given for all ages and genders
 - * fellowship with one another around the Lord
 - * celebration of Lord’s Supper regularly & reverently
 - * praise / singing a variety of doctrinally sound & clear to understand songs from the spirit / heart
 - * public prayer and giving thanks led by men
 - * missions reports when appropriate
 - * potluck fellowship meals occurring
 - * preaching the Gospel
 - * taking up of a grace offering
 - * appointment of leaders & missionaries
 - * the exercise of spiritual gifts
 - 4) The priority objectives are worship of God - _____, and the _____ & equipping of the saints, with evangelism as an overflow.

5) For these spiritual priorities to occur, everything needs to be done
_____ {with purpose and under control}. How does all of this apply to
GTBC!