

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APR 26, 2015

SICK LIST:

HEALTHCARE CENTERS:

Ruby Harrison

HOME: Fred & Romaine Elliott, Henry McDonald, Bruce Windham, Vercie Griffin, Gene McDonald, Willie Nelson, Ann Myers

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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "THE WORK OF WORSHIP"

PM - BEN WRIGHT - "LOVE IS VITAL TO CHURCH GROWTH"

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY WAS A WONDERFUL DAY THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT POSSIBLE. LET'S NOT FORGET TO FOLLOW UP

THE WEST WALKER WELCOMER

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

ELDERS:

Gene McDonald 924-4827
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THE WORK OF WORSHIP
(John 4:21-24)

I. The _____ of worship.

A. "Worship is first and foremost _____ God and _____ God".

B. There are most definitely benefits for the worshiper, but those are _____ purposes of worship

C. The purpose of worship is to _____ God.

1. Matthew 5:16.

2. We are to be those that _____ God (1 Peter 2:9).

D. Whatever benefits there are for us though, are _____ of the worship we are offering to God because of His worth.

II. The _____ of worship.

A. The pattern for true worship is _____ in the New Testament.

B. We can read and learn how those first Christians worshiped God and know that it is _____.

1. They _____ together (1 Corinthians 14:15).

2. They _____ together (Acts 2:42).

3. They _____ during their worship services (Acts 20:7).

4. They gave of their _____ during the worship service (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

5. They _____ of the Lord's supper during the worship service (Acts 20:7).

III. The _____ of worship.

A. In order to worship God properly, not only must the true acts of worship be done, but the heart must be fully _____ to worship in spirit.

B. The opportunity and privilege of worshiping God is too great to just go through the _____ while doing it.

IV. The _____ of worship.

A. God's word does not _____.

B. The commands of worship are found in this unchanging book, thus the worship offered to God is _____, never to be changed.

C. When men make changes to the simple New Testament plan and pattern of worship, they make themselves the _____ of worship and not God

V. The _____ of worship.

A. God will be _____ in His church.

B. God will be _____ above man.

C. You and I will be _____.

D. Our hearts can be _____ by the gospel.

E. You and I will be _____ closer to God and one another when we worship God properly.

ACTION – NOT LOCATION – DEFINES TRUE WORSHIP

Kevin W. Rhodes

As Jesus spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well, she quickly perceived that He was a prophet. She then quickly changed the topic of conversation away from her immoral cohabitation and marriage history to a major controversy between Jews and Samaritans — the correct place to worship: Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship (Jn. 4:20). Jesus' reply surely surprised the woman. For though He told her that the Samaritan worship on Mount Gerazim was done out of ignorance, and that the Jews properly worshiped at the temple in Jerusalem in accordance with the Law (Jn. 4:22), He chose to address the nature of worship itself as it would be ordained in the future (Jn. 4:23-24), when neither Patriarchal or Mosaical Law would determine anything about worship, including its location (Eph. 2:14-16). As He began this discussion Jesus emphasized that action — not location — defines true worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem worship the Father (Jn. 4:21).

Even today some people treat the church building as if it were a holy edifice, missing the underlying point Jesus made in His remarks to the Samaritan woman. Our Savior was not only saying that worship under the new covenant could take place in any city but also that the location and structure were totally irrelevant as pertains to worship. Walking into the church building does not make you holy and does not insure that you are there to worship. Worship is not defined by the externals of the location but by the actions undertaken wherever you are. True worship can occur under a tent, in a parking lot, or in a home just as much as it can in a building provided for that purpose.

There are conditions that pertain to the setting for some acts of worship that require a place to meet, but that does not imply anything holy about the meeting place. Christians are to partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week (Acts 20:7) in the worship assembly as a collective action (1 Cor. 11:17-34). The same conditions would be necessary for Christian giving to be a collection given on the first day of the week (1 Cor. 16:1-2). But it is the situation of a congregation being assembled that creates the right environment for these acts of worship — not the building.

We have authority for the worship acts of singing (Col. 3:16; Acts 16:25), prayer (1 Th. 5:17), and the proclamation of the gospel (Acts 5:42; 20:7) on any day of the week, both in the assembly and out. But since worship is not location-specific but action-specific, these actions are worship regardless of where they occur. The location does not define an action as worship; the action defines itself as being worship. Therefore, these actions must be undertaken in spirit and in truth (Jn. 4:23-24) regardless of when and where they occur.