

"What is Spiritual Worship" (Part 2)
Romans 11:36-12:2

*"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."
(Matthew 5:6)*

"The true intellectual value of something determines what desires have preeminence in your life."

"Worship is a humble (not earned by me), fearful (not controlled by me), intentional (but acted upon by me) thankfulness for a worthiness (justification) bought by Christ to enjoy Christ by glorifying Christ." (Titus 3:3-8)

- Colossians 3:15-17: *3 motivating mercies to offer myself as a living sacrifice* —
 - *Proper thinking:* The peace (ruling agreement) of Christ: Being at peace with God means I am under the authority of Christ. Christ leads me; I now represent Christ; I desire to know Christ in a deeper way.
 - Thankfulness flows from understanding the mercies of God and valuing God and the awesomeness of His mercies appropriately.
 - *Proper thinking:* The Word (ruling alignment) of Christ: Theology understood leads to theology celebrated. Worship is pleasing God in thoughts, words, and deeds according to His Word. Worship is a commitment to knowing God and His will for His glory leading to salvation.
 - *Proper thinking:* The Name (ruling assignment) of Christ: When we think according to the worth of Christ, we want to know and enjoy Christ and we want others to know and enjoy Christ for His glory.
- Colossians 3:1-5: *We must leave the world to reach the world* —
 - *Proper thinking:* Our greatest blessings, enjoyments, strength, and satisfaction are in heaven. That is why we seek and set our minds on the things that are above.
 - *Proper thinking:* If (since) this is true then we should desire anything that is going to help us see Christ and enjoy Christ; namely, Church, corporate worship, the Lord's Supper, Bible reading, prayer, fellowship, preaching, and serving the local church.
 - *Proper thinking:* Worship is dying to worldliness and killing sin. Worldliness and sin hinder me from true life. Therefore my sin must be put to death and all worldly pursuits must be subservient to my pursuit of Christ.
 - Work, family, money, hobbies, leisure, politics, and anything else bows to supremacy of Christ (Luke 14:25-27 & 33). This is not a statement of devaluing. It is a statement of proper valuing.
- Colossians 1:9-11: *The battle to think and value properly, for the glory of God, for the enjoyment of God, for all people* —
 - *Proper thinking:* We pray that we would know Him and value Him for His glory by humbly asking the Holy Spirit for help.
 - *Proper thinking:* It is by humbly submitting to God's Word that we walk in a pleasing way, bear fruit, and increase in strength, patience, and joy.
 - *Proper thinking:* It is by humbly giving God all the glory, for His mercies, that we will grow in a thankfulness and appreciation for all He has done and all He will do.

Worship: Glorious Christ (Sovereign Grace Music) Jesus Thank You (Sovereign Grace Music)
Sovereign Over Us (Aaron Keyes) **Closing Song:** Christ is Mine Forevermore (City Alight)

Service Times: Sundays: Revelation Class 4/Prayer 4:30/Church 5:30; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30/Men 6:30 & 7;
Thursdays: Prayer 6:20/Church 7

Announcements:

***Volunteers:** We have a need of volunteers for our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in this ministry or have any questions about serving in this ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney!

***Fellowship Dinner:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner NEXT Sunday, August 15th, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list on the back table, please sign-up to bring something! We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

***Special Offering:** Throughout August we are collecting a special offering for the HeartCry Missionary Society! There is a container on the back table, beside the tithe box, for you to put your monetary donations into! There are also 2 options for online giving: directly on their website (the information for this is on the front of the container on the back table) AND through AmazonSmile. (When you shop AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, selections, and convenient shopping as on Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice - in our case, HeartCry.) This is also a way to give to them throughout the year, not just during these next couple of months. There are handouts on the back table with more information on how to set up AmazonSmile. Please see Pastor Joel for any questions about AmazonSmile.

***Vertical 196 Volunteer Training:** Tuesday, August 17th at 5pm. This training provided by Vertical 196 must be completed in order to serve guests during their hours of operation. The training is approximately 1 hour in duration. There is no limitation to the number of people being trained. There is a sign-up list on the back table, see Pastor Joel if you have any questions.

***End of Summer Party:** We are planning an "End of Summer" party for Saturday, August 21st, at Mike & Marci Tommey's home. More details to come soon, but please mark your calendars and plan on attending!

***Donations:** We are collecting donations for Vertical 196 for the month of August. They are in need of hot chocolate packets and men's/women's ankle socks. Please bring in your donations and put them in the tote by the back table.