

Worshipping in Spirit and in Truth

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I. Introduction.

- A. There is a difference between the people of God and the people of the world. (Exodus 11:7)
- B. The difference between the people of God and the people of the world ought to show. (Exodus 28:1-2)
- C. People are hungry for the gospel. When lives are different, people will listen.

II. The difference of the people of God has to do with worshipping in spirit (attitude) and truth (technique, method or place). (John 4:23-24; Isaiah 58:1)

- A. One must not approach the mechanics from the wrong motive. (Proverbs 10:22)
- B. The basics are the tools to receive God's grace, but receiving God's grace demands the right motive.
- C. The goal of training is pure love. (1 Timothy 1:5; Luke 6:40; 1 Corinthians 13:8; Colossians 3:14)

III. The fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

- A. Love is chief.
- B. Joy is an element of the Christian life which the world can see that makes us different. (Philippians 4:4; Habakkuk 3:17-28; Nehemiah 8:10)
 - 1. Joy is the result of praise.
 - 2. Praise allows God to deliver. (Psalm 50:23; 2 Chronicles 20:20; Acts 16:23)
 - 3. Joy kills.
 - a. Legalism. (1 Timothy 4:4-5)
 - b. Comparison. (2 Corinthians 10:12; 1 Corinthians 12:25)
- C. Peace. (Psalm 133:1; Proverbs 6:16-19)
 - 1. Peace with God. (1 John 1:9)
 - 2. Peace with ourselves, which should be based upon God's acceptance of ourselves.
 - a. Believe and consent to be loved. (2 Corinthians 4:1)
 - b. Refuse to make resolutions and vows for that is trust in the flesh.
 - c. Expect to be blessed is realizing more and more lack of worth.

- d. Rely on God's chastening as a mark of his kindness.
- e. A hope to be acceptable is a failure to see yourself in Christ only.
- f. To be disappointed in yourself is to believe in yourself.
- g. To be discouraged is unbelief.
- h. To be proud is to be blind.
- i. A lack of divine blessing comes from unbelief.
- j. To preach devotion first and blessing second is against God's order.

D. Gentleness. (Psalm 18:35; 1 Corinthians 4:7)

E. Faith. The key to the fullness of the Spirit is faith. (Hebrews 11:6; Colossians 2:6; Romans 14:23)

F. Meekness is not weakness.

- 1. It is strength under control.
- 2. It is submission to authority. (Romans 13:1-2, 17)

G. Temperance. (1 Samuel 18:14; Ecclesiastes 7:16; Isaiah 47:10)

IV. Conclusion.

Application questions:

1. How can we be a positive witness for Jesus Christ after we have gotten hold of the basics?

2. What does Christian love look like in practice?

3. How can we obtain true peace with ourselves? Why does God want this for us?
