

ROOTED
Worship – Part 1
Psalm 100
November 4, 2012

“Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.” Psalm 100 (ESV)

OUTWARD EXPRESION

INWARD CHANGE

ETERNAL PROMISE

WORSHIP IS . . .

1. A RESPONSE to the GOSPEL.

‘But the time is coming—indeed it’s here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way. For God is Spirit, so those who worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.’ John 4:23-24 (ESV)

“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:1-10 (ESV)

- **We are dead in our sin.** Ephesians 2:1-4, Romans 6:23
- **But God ... loved us anyway.** Ephesians 2:4, Romans 5:8
- **God made us alive with Christ.** Ephesians 2:5-7, John 10:10, 2 Corinthians 5:17
- **Saved by grace through faith.** Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 10:9-10; 13
- **Faith in Christ alone.** John 14:6, Phillipians 2:9-11

2. A COMMAND from a Sovereign God.

“You shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3 (ESV)

“And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.” Matthew 22:37 (ESV)

3. A LIFESTYLE of PERSONAL SURRENDER.

“I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

WORSHIP BARRIERS . . .

1. SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment." Isaiah 64:6 (ESV)

"None is righteous, no, not one . . ." Romans 3:10 (ESV)

2. SECRET SIN

"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1 (ESV)

3. LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (ESV)

4. PERSONAL PREFERENCE

"What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?" James 4:1 (ESV)

5. PEOPLE PLEASING SPIRIT

"For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10 (ESV)

". . . for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God." John 12:43 (ESV)