



Worship in Spirit: Abiding in Jesus' Word

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INTRODUCTION

- If we are doing this the right way, then spirit and truth are combined in this process.
- And in worship, it is our spirit reaching for his.
- We all want to be moved by the truth, and we all think we are moved by the truth, even sometimes when we are mistaken.

1 Abide in Him and Truth Will Set You Free

John 8:29; Psalm 19:1–7

- If we will abide in him, if we will seek truth through him, that truth will set us free.
- That which is false is binding. That which is error is restrictive. It keeps us from the connection that we need with God.
- If they will listen to him, if they will come to him, if they will give themselves to him, he will free them.

2 True Worship Is Grounded in Revelation

Colossians 2:1–2; John 16:13–14

- So emotions are reactions, ultimately they ought to be, reactions to what is true and what is real.
- But truth is the substance beneath that. And so true worship that is in spirit and truth, is actually grounded in revelation.
- Jesus Christ is the mystery revealed. If you know Jesus, you know God's plan, you have access to him.
- When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth, for he will not speak on his own authority.

3 True Worship Rejects Man-Made Ideas

Colossians 2:8; Colossians 2:18–19; John 14:6

- True worship is one in which we reject man-made ideas. Man-made religions. These are incorrect passwords.
- Distorted truth interferes with connection to God.
- See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ.
- So whether it's emotionalism, legalism, traditionalism, whatever these ideas are that sometimes we get pulled away by in human thinking, they are not holding fast to the head.

4 True Worship Is Forged Through Confession

Hebrews 10:26; 1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 14:15–26

- True worship is forged through confession.
- So knowledge is the foundation, it is the groundwork of worship, but there's got to be something more. There has to be belief, there has to be action.
- We acknowledge who you are as God. That's confession. It's the center point of worship.
- It's a proclamation, it's a statement of belief and faith. It's a confession of what Jesus did for us.

5 More About What Is Done Than How

Psalms 136

- I would say it's more about what is done than how it is done.
- God did not say you must sing in four-part harmony. It's just what we've chosen.
- What scripture tells us matters is that the word of Christ is dwelling in us richly.
- The melody is being made to the Lord in our hearts.

6 Let Truth Become Praise

Hebrews 13:15

- Let me encourage all of us to let truth become praise in our life.
- Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God. That is the fruit of lips that acknowledge or confess his name.
- It's not about Moses and David and Samson and the spies. They're not the heroes. God is the hero.
- We are called as his people to witness this to the world, to the people in our lives to talk about Jesus, to those who are broken and those who are hurting.

THE CHALLENGE

Will you give yourself to him this morning? Will you say you're going to die to yourself, be buried with him in baptism, be resurrected to newness of life, and begin this life walking with Jesus Christ and being transformed by him?

MY NOTES
