

"What is Spiritual Worship: Rooting Out My Love For the World" (Part 3)
Romans 11:36-12:2

"One of Satan's schemes is to convince us of the supremacy of good things and to sacrifice for good things so that we devalue the best thing: a life fully committed to knowing, enjoying, and proclaiming Jesus Christ."

"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)

- **John 17:14-18**
 - God has given us His Word for our sanctification/transformation.
 - Christians are not of this world but we have been sent into the world for the sake of the Gospel and to show the supremacy of Christ in all things.
 - We need protection from Satan and this world (1 John 5:19; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 2:2). This protection is given by the Holy Spirit through faith in His Word.
 - The consequence of biblical obedience is to be hated by the world.
- **1 John 2:15-17**
 - We are not to love the world; we are not to love what the world loves or think like the world thinks; or the things of this world; that is to pursue what the world pursues (2 Corinthians 10:3-5).
 - As Christians, we are against lies, godless philosophy, or anything that rises up against the truth/God's Word.
 - We are to give our love, that is, our loyal devotion, our undivided attention, and our lives, to full submission to God and His Word. This is why preaching and teaching is gloriously terrifying (James 3:1). We cannot have two masters (Matthew 6:24).
 - The desires of the flesh are covetousness.
 - Idolatry (extreme admiration, love, reverence, or submission to something other than God for the sake of comfort or some other temporal gain or satisfaction at the expense of eternal gain).
 - Wanting good things for selfish reasons feels good (James 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:2-5). Self-importance, Self-glorifying, Self-accomplished (Marriage, Children, Money, Position/Power, Education, Religion). We should want God, not things, and use things for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31).
 - The desire of the eyes is excess or abuse of good things, beyond what is reasonable, participating in what is prohibited, or seeking more than what is needed.
 - Sex/marriage; Money; Food; Alcohol; Leisure; Sleep; Fitness; Politics/Government.
 - The pride of life is bragging about accomplishments/sufferings, position, or possessions for positional advantage or superiority or for an excuse for why we don't obey.
 - This position takes God and His glory out of the equation and puts us in the sovereign and praise worthy position (Romans 11:36). Christians succeed, serve, and suffer in humility for God's glory (Matthew 6:1-4; 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 11:30).
- **James 4:4/Romans 1:21/Isaiah 1:4-6**
 - Friendship with worldly thinking and worldly pursuing is spiritual death. It is to set ourselves up as enemies of God. Thinking and acting like the world always removes God from the equation; all credit, glory, thankfulness, and praise to His Name. God loves all that is righteous, holy, and

Worship: So I Will Trust You (Sovereign Grace Music) Sovereign Over Us (Aaron Keyes)
Satisfied in You (The Sing Team) **Closing Song:** Rock of Ages (The Modern Post)

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

in-line with His will because it is good, acceptable, and perfect (Romans 12:2) and hates and is opposed to what is against Him (Proverbs 6:16-19).

- The warning of Demas: Philemon 1:24; Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:10; Matthew 13:20-22.
 - There is great temporal comfort in fleshly pleasures/sin acted upon and far greater eternal delight and comfort by fleshly pleasures/sin resisted or put to death (Romans 8:12-13; Colossians 3:5; Hebrews 11:25; Psalm 16:11; Luke 6:46).

Announcements:

***Volunteers:** We have a need of volunteers for our CHILDREN'S MINISTRY **and** we are looking for volunteers to help with running sound. If you are a church member and are interested in serving in the CHILDREN'S MINISTRY or have any questions about serving in that ministry, please talk to Kalen and Courtney! If you are interested in volunteering to help with running sound, please see Pastor Jeremey.

***Special Offering:** 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.

***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.

***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.

***Fellowship Dinner:** We are having a Fellowship Dinner TONIGHT immediately following the worship service. We invite EVERYONE to stay and enjoy the dinner and fellowship with us!

End of Summer Party:** Saturday, August 28th ***NOTE THE DATE CHANGE at 6:30pm, at Mike & Marci Tommey's home! The church will be providing Hotdogs and S'mores as a light snack (this is not intended to be a full meal). Please bring yard games with you to the party. We will be having a fire and doing some worship songs together as well. ****We will not be swimming during the party!**** If you are interested in helping to provide buns, condiments, or drinks, please see Krystal.