

CLASS ON WORSHIP

Wednesday Night

1/21/09

Question

- How was your worship Sunday?
 - ▣ What did you come away with?
 - Better understanding?
 - Motivated to do better?
 - Nothing? Glad it's over?
 - ▣ What do you remember about
 - Prayers?
 - Sermon?
 - Songs
 - Lord's Supper
 - ▣ Most important question: Was it acceptable to God?

Question

- **Is everything we do (that is right) worship?**
 - **Answer it by the definition of worship**
 - Worship is adoration or awe that expressed in acts that God has prescribed for us.
 - ***Jesus defines it as having the (Jno. 4:24)***
 - Right object - God
 - Right spirit - an attitude of the heart
 - Right Action - according to truth
 - **Everything we do does not fit the definition of worship!**

Why do some teach that?

- Because one Greek word (latreuo) is sometimes translated worship.
- It is true that in certain contexts the Greek word (latreuo) is properly rendered as worship (as in Romans 9:4).
- But in itself the word only means serve, whether the service is toward God or men (cf. Latris, a hired servant; latron, hire, pay).
- Sometimes the word refers to a lifetime of service to God (Acts 24:14; Heb. 12:28), and the context of Romans 12:1 shows one's offering his body as a living sacrifice is a lifetime of service.
- Jesus taught that there is a difference between worship and service (Matt. 4:10)

Furthermore

- Service is a broader term than worship.
- Worship is service to God, and it is right to say that we go to worship services, but all service is not worship. Washing the car, guitar playing, eating hamburgers, etc are not worship.

And

- Worship does not occur accidentally
 - ▣ One prepares his heart and then acts
- Worship is not continuous
 - ▣ Abraham climbed a mountain to worship on its summit, and then, after worship, returned to his base camp at the foot of the mountain (Gen. 22:1-5).
 - ▣ When David learned that his baby was dead, he bathed, changed clothes, and went into the house of Jehovah, “and worshiped” (2 Sam. 12:20). When he had worshiped, he returned home and ate a meal. Worship is not all that one does. It is punctuated by stop and go.
 - ▣ The Ethiopian had been to Jerusalem to worship (Acts 8); worship was not then nor is it now all of life.

Question

- What day is the day of worship: Sabbath or 1st Day?
 - ▣ What is the Sabbath day?
 - ▣ Why was it given?
 - First mentioned (Ex. 16:23)
 - One of the 10 commandments (Ex. 20:8)
 - Given to cause Israel to remember Egypt (Deut. 5:15)
 - The Sabbath was a sign (Ex. 31:12-17)
 - ▣ Ended On the cross (Col. 2:14; Gal. 5:4)

Question

- In view of Col. 2:14, how do some still bind the Sabbath day on us?
 - ▣ They make a distinction between the moral and ceremonial law and say that the ceremonial law has been taken away, but the moral law which includes the 10 commandments still are binding upon us.
 - ▣ Answer: Rom. 7:6-7

Question

- What was to be done and not done on the Sabbath day?
 - ▣ They were not to work. (Exodus 31:13-17; 20:8-11; 23:9-12; 34:21)
 - ▣ They were not to gather, bake, or boil any food. (Exodus 16:23-26)
 - ▣ No fire was to be kindled (Exodus 35:1-3) and no sticks could be gathered for a fire (Numbers 16:32-35).
 - ▣ They were not to buy or sell. (Nehemiah 13:15-21)
 - ▣ They could bear no burden. (Jeremiah 17:21-22)
 - ▣ They were to travel only a "Sabbath Day's journey." (Matthew 24:20)
 - ▣ There was to be a holy convocation (Leviticus 23:3) and the priests were to sacrifice two lambs of the first year without spot and blemish and two-tenths of an ephah of flour mingled with oil (Numbers 28:9-10).

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- Sunday, the first day of the week?
- **What The Bible Says About The First Day Of The Week (Chart by Foy Wallace, Jr.)**
 - That Jesus Christ arose from the dead on the first day of the week. (Mark 16:1-9)
 - That on the first day of the week He was thus declared to be the Son of God. (Rom. 1:4)
 - That He met with His disciples each first day of the week between His resurrection and His ascension. (John 20:1,19,26)

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 - Pentecost came on the first day of the week (Lev. 23:15). Hence, all the events of the second chapter of Acts—the birthday of the church—took place on the first day of the week (Acts 2:1).
 - That the Holy Spirit imbued the apostles on the first day of the week and began His mission of conversion. (Acts 2:1-4)
 - That the first gospel sermon proclaiming Jesus as the Son of God was preached on the first day of the week. (Acts 2:22-36)
 - That three thousand souls—the first fruits of the gospel harvest (Lev. 23:17)—were added to the church which began on that Pentecost—the first day of the week. (Acts 2:41,47)

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 - ▣ That the church assembled on the first day of the week to break bread—to observe the Lord's Supper and other items of New Testament worship. (Acts 20:7; Acts 2:42; I Cor. 16:2; I Cor. 11:23,33; Heb. 10:25).
 - ▣ That in the New Testament we have the following things: (1) a new covenant; (2) a new institution—the church; (3) a new set of ordinances—commandments (I Cor. 11:2; 14:37); (4) a new feast—the Lord's Supper; (5) a new day—the first day of the week; (6) a new word to express the new day—Kuriakos, "Lord's day," a word which was never used before (Revelation 1:10).