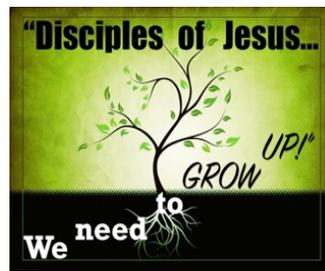


“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”



Part 6: “Worship ... the heart’s desire of God’s children!”

Psalms 95:1-6, 100:1-5; Revelation 4:1-11, 5:1-14

Introduction: God not only tells us WHAT to do, but also tells us WHY to do it!

Psalms 95:3,5-6: “Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!” (vs. 6).

Psalms 100:3: “Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are HIS!”

Worship IS the natural response of creation to its Creator.

In Christ, God’s children are renewed and empowered to worship their Creator.

I. We were created to worship!!

Everything God created was “very good” ... it was all perfect!! And it all pointed to Him, to His GLORY!

Psalms 19:1-4: “The heavens declare the glory of God!” (vs. 1).

It was the man and the woman to whom was given the opportunity and responsibility to praise our Creator.

God created us for intimacy by making us spiritual beings.

Psalms 8:1-8: “What is man ...? ... You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.”

God created the man to be like Him ... to be “creative,” to use His creation to honor their Creator.

To mankind was given the amazing ability to “steward” God’s creation.

II. Spiritual death prevents worship ...

Spiritually dead people cannot and will not worship their Creator.

Romans 1:18-23: “ ... His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world ...” (vs. 20).

Psalms 14:1-3: “They have all turned aside; ... there is none who does good, not even ONE!” (vs. 3; see Romans 3:10-18).

II Timothy 3:1-5: “ ... in the last days ... people will be ... having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power” (vs. 5).

II Timothy 3:12-13: “ ... while evil people and impostors go from bad to worse ...” (vs. 13).

II Peter 3:3-7: “ ... scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires” (vs. 3).

The refusal to worship the one and only Creator has brought God’s judgment and wrath upon the earth.

God promised to bring One from Judah’s line who would save, redeem and restore those whom God would choose and the result would be that these would worship their Creator!!

III. Spiritual life leads to worship!!

John 4:23-24: “ ... the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him” (vs. 23).

It was through Jesus Christ, the “seed of Abraham,” that God fulfilled His promise. (Acts 2:42-47)

When the Spirit of God produces in God’s chosen people a new heart, soul and mind, the “natural response” is WORSHIP!!!

Once God’s Spirit lives within you, your whole life is worship!

Revelation 4:1-11; 5:11-14 ... Worship IS the natural response of the creation to its Creator!!

As disciples of Jesus Christ, it is our privilege and honor to worship our Creator NOW.

II Corinthians 5:17: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation!”

Ephesians 2:8-10: We have been RE - created to worship our Creator!!