

Worship by Design: Context of Worship

Ephesians

Created for Worship

- A. The Triune God is the Object of Worship
- B. The Triune God created all to spread the glory that is within the Trinity
- C. The Triune God has then re-created for the same end (the redeemed) – So, what then is the primary context for the spreading of the glory of God (the happiness within himself?) – Ephesians 1:3-14

Context of Worship: The Church...A Family of Families

- A. Grounded in Christ (Ephesians 1:15-23)
 - a. Prayer
 - b. Seeing the Supremacy of Christ
- B. Rooted in Grace (Ephesians 2)
 - a. Remember who you were (vv.1-3)
 - b. Remember who saved you (vv.4-7)
 - c. Remember how He saved you (vv.8-10)
 - d. Remember why He saved you (vv.11-22) – to be a dwelling place for His present glory (spreading)
- C. Shrouded by Mystery (Ephesians 3)
 - a. Exclusivity of Christ (vv.1-6)
 - b. Inclusivity for ANYONE in Christ (vv.7-13)
 - c. Strengthened to know His love (vv.14-19)
 - d. For His glory (vv.20-21)
- D. Ordered for Life (Ephesians 4)
 - a. Everyone is to order their life (vv.1-3)
 - b. Order promotes Christ centrality and church unity (vv.4-10)

- c. Ordered by Varied gifts with a Unified Purpose (vv.11-16)
- d. Ordered for mutual sanctification (vv.17-32)

- E. Driven by Love (Ephesians 5:1-17)
 - a. As Children imitating their Father (vv.1-2)
 - b. Love drives us to forsake sin (vv.3-7)
 - c. Love drives us to love fruit (vv.8-14)
 - d. Love drives us to NOT waste time (vv.15-17)
- F. Focused on Worship (Ephesians 5:18-21)
 - a. Expression of what's been said thus far
 - b. Spirit-filled worship
 - c. Corporate Singing
 - i. Varied songs
 - ii. With great passion (God-ward)
 - iii. With thanksgiving
 - d. Mutual submission
- G. Imaged in Marriage (Ephesians 5:22-33)
 - a. Familiar context for all time
 - i. Genesis 2:18-24
 - ii. Abraham & Isaac (Genesis 22)
 - iii. Boaz & Ruth (Ruth 4)
 - iv. Hosea & Gomer (Hosea 3)
 - b. Distinct roles
 - i. Men – Spiritual headship with sacrificial leadership
 - ii. Women – Joyful submission with humble response
 - c. Guard the context
 - i. Guard your time – v.16
 - 1. Pray for wisdom
 - 2. Order for God's Glory
 - ii. Guard your perspective
 - 1. The Family of God
 - 2. For Worship
 - 3. Displaying the Gospel of Grace
 - iii. Guard your roles - Satan attacks roles to dismantle the gospel

1. Husbands / Fathers are to protect the most essential commandment for worship: There is ONE God!
2. Wives you are to pray for your husbands and encourage their leadership, not replace – this is regardless of personality types
- iv. Guard your love - Practical protection of the marriage, therefore the gospel, therefore the glory of God spreading
 1. Cherish
 2. Respect

C. Are you a part of the family of God? Are you an adopted child?

D. Ephesians 3:14-21 Benediction

H. Modeled in Relationships (Ephesians 6:1-9)

- a. Children (6:1-4)
- b. Slaves and Masters (6:5-9)

I. Strengthened to Battle (Ephesians 6:10-24)

Implications & Applications

A. Worship begins at Home

- a. If married, do you model Ephesians 5:22-33?
- b. Create a climate of worship...a God-centrality in the home! (Joshua 24:15)
- c. Start a Family worship time (insert, online, book)
- d. Leaders: 1 Timothy 3 (Elders / Deacons)

B. The Church is people who are Family

- a. We should worship like Family (Matt.23:8-12)
 - i. In Love & focus (we are diverse, with diverse tastes, but a singular focus – Passion statement)
 - ii. Encouragement
 - iii. Sit as families corporately (even younger children, train them)
 - iv. Adopt-a-Hog
- b. Do you look forward to gathering with your family regularly?