Worship: What is it and why does it matter Part 5

1. A Life of Worship in the New Testament
   1. *The Spheres of Worship*
   2. *The Romans 12 Paradigm*
   3. Corporate Worship
      1. The worshipping nature of the corporate assembly
         1. It is God’s temple (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 2 Cor. 6:16-7:1; Eph. 2:19-22)

*“The people of God continue to be the Spirit-filled community when they disperse and go about their daily affairs, but their identity as ‘the temple of the Lord’ finds particular expression when they gather together in Jesus’ name, to experience his presence and power in their midst.” (Peterson)*

* + - 1. It is a company of priests who offer spiritual sacrifices (1 Pet. 2:4-5)
      2. Implications:
         1. The assembled church is essential.
         2. The corporate assembly is holy and ought to be taken seriously.
         3. The temple is the assembly of regenerate believers in a local church.
         4. All the worship that goes on in the church ought to be treated with holiness, purity, and in submission to God’s commands.
    1. The worshipping activities of the corporate assembly
       1. Praising, praying, confessing, and singing (Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:15)

*“Mention has been made of the inappropriateness of designing our gatherings primarily to facilitate private communion with God…Paul would urge us to meet in dependency on one another as the vehicles of God’s grace and to view the well-being and strengthening of the whole church as the primary aim of the gathering.” (Peterson)*

* + - 1. Preaching the Word and responding to it in faith-filled submission (Neh. 8:6; Acts 2:42; 2 Tim. 4:2)
      2. Exercising spiritual gifts (Acts 13:1-2; Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12-14)
      3. Giving sacrificially (Acts 2:42; 2 Cor. 9:12; Phil. 2:30; 4:18; Heb. 13:16)
      4. Forgiving one another (Eph. 5:2)
      5. Observing the ordinances (Acts 2:42)
  1. Individual Worship
     1. Worship to God is expressed in a lifestyle of devotion to the will of God and death to self (Rom. 12)
     2. Worship to God is expressed in pouring out one’s life for the worship of others and their faith (Phil. 2:17)
     3. Worship to God is expressed in the spread of the Gospel (Rom. 1:9; 15:16)
     4. Worship to God is expressed in suffering for Christ’s sake (2 Cor. 2:14-15)