

1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

2 Corinthians 3:18, 4:1

18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

1 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart.

Romans 12:1

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Hebrews 10:19-25

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Also read: Ephesians 1

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Introduction

The Westminster Confession of Faith says that the chief end of man is to "glorify God and enjoy him forevermore".

Who will we worship? We must worship God. Worship and praise are complete and in the very nature of the triune God. God lacks nothing and does not need our worship. We, as His people reflect his nature and worthiness for worship by worshipping him in spirit and in truth. As we worship God, we are changed and reflect Him more.

How will we worship? Worship is not a music genre or a time we spend in church. True worship is when we present our bodies to God, as it says in Romans 12:1. All our lives are our worship to God.

Worship holds many tensions within it: the event vs. the everyday, vertical vs. horizontal, intellectual vs. emotional, and much more.

Let's put this all into practice.

Discussion

- >>What is the meaning of life?
- >>What is the best way to worship God and why?
- >>Is the Christian life subject to a dichotomy/distinction between the sacred and the secular?
- >>How do we hold the tensions of a life of worship in a Godly balance?

Explanation

- >>Does God need us to worship Him?
- >>How does our salvation drive our worship?
- >>How does our worship change us?
- >>Why do we meet together to worship weekly?

Application

- >>Choose one activity each day and each time you do it, consider how you worship God by doing it.
- >>If we in our worship reflect God, how can we worship Him without knowing Him face to face? Seek God and desire to know His face.
- >>Let your acts of worship pour out from a heart of true worship.
- >>Take an interest in other people – the community of God. Get to know all about them.