

“The Priority of Worship”

Vision 2011

What is our purpose and God's calling for GBC?

We proclaim Him, admonishing every man & teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. Col 1:28

And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. Eph 4:11-13

VISION 2011 ARROW

Our focus for 2011... The Priority of Worship

The importance of genuine worship.

1. We declare that God is to be _____ above all other things. (His worth or value)

"Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created." Rev 4:11

2. We are called to _____ the glory of God.

It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Th2:14

3. We are called to demonstrate that everything in life is _____ to God's will.

For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; Col 1:9-10

4. Worship is the _____ of all our activity.

"The heaviest obligation lying upon the Christian church today is to purify and elevate her concept of God until it is once more worthy of Him and of her." Tozer Knowledge of the Holy pg4

The benefits of genuine worship.

1. We are _____ in the discipleship ministry of our church.

pressing on in the Spirit but not striving in the flesh

2. We _____ on God's glory.

God's glory includes His _____ and His _____.

3. We become _____ into Christ's image.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. 2 Cor 3:18

4. It corrects our _____ and our _____.

"The decline of the knowledge of the Holy has brought on our troubles. A rediscovery of the majesty of God will go a long way toward curing them. It is impossible to keep our moral practices sound and our inward attitudes right while our idea of God is erroneous or inadequate." Tozer pgviii preface

5. We gain knowledge _____ God not knowledge _____ God.

Wrong ideas about God are not only the fountain from which the polluted waters of idolatry flow; they are themselves idolatrous. The idolater simply imagines things about God and acts as if they were true. Tozer pg 4

Things to Consider

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(Knowing God - J.I Packer; Knowledge of the Holy - A.W. Tozer; The Glory of Christ - John Owen; Religious Affections;- Jonathan Edwards; The Attributes of God - A.W. Pink)