

“The Heart of Worship”

Romans 10:1-3

October 30, 2011

***** SONG: Heart of Worship**

Why does THE BRIDGE start @ 9:52?

Answer: Psalms 95:2 inspired the start time for our worship services... *“Come, let us shout joyfully to the LORD, shout triumphantly to the Rock of our salvation! 2 Let us enter His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout triumphantly to Him in song.”* – Psalms 95:1-2

Psalms 100 = *Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. 2 Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. 3 Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, & we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. 5 For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

Psalms 122:1 = *“I rejoiced with those who said to me: ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord.’”*

ATTITUDE is best measure of GRATITUDE

***** VIDEO: “Wrong Worship” *****

T/S: Isaiah 29:13 = *The Lord says: “These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.*

***** SONG: Thank You Lord
Jesus Messiah
More Love, More Power
You Are Holy**

***** Share the Love**

***** SONG: Born Again
All I Have Is Christ**

***** OFFERING: The Old Rugged Cross**

Let me ask you... What does the cross of Christ mean to you?

How does the reality of the cross intersect w/ your “real” life?

**I mean... God the Father gave His Son...
God the Son gave His life...
God the Spirit gives His power...**

What are you doing with what you’ve been given?

How is your life living-giving love & gratitude?

I. Christ-like love CARES about the community’s eternity.

Romans 10:1 = Brothers, my heart’s desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation.

2 Corinthians 5:19-20 = *He has committed the message of reconciliation to us.*

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; certain that God is appealing through us, we plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God." He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Matthew 20:28 = *the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

John 13:15 = *“I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you”*
(the King washed the slave’s feet!)

Isaiah 58:1-2 = *“Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet.*

Declare to my people their rebellion and to the house of Jacob their sins.

2 For day after day they seek me out; they seem eager to know my ways, as if they were a nation that does what is right and has not forsaken the commands of its God. They ask me for just decisions and seem eager for God to come near them.

6-10 = *“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? 7 Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? 8 Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. 9 Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.” If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, 10 and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness,*

Matthew 25: (loving/serving “the least of these”) = “...*the King will answer them, 'I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me. ' 41 Then He will also say to those on the left, 'Depart from Me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the Devil and his angels! For I was hungry and you gave Me nothing to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me nothing to drink;43 I was a stranger and you didn't take Me in; I was naked and you didn't clothe Me, sick and in prison and you didn't take care of Me... 'I assure you: Whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me either.'*

John 13:34-35 = “*A new command I (Jesus) give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*”

1 Peter 1:22 = *Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.*

T/S: 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 = “Test all things; hold fast to what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”

2 John 7-11 = *many deceivers have gone out into the world... (deceivers & anti-Christ)s... Everyone who goes on ahead & does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father & the Son. If anyone comes to you & does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.*

II. Christ-like love CORRECTS even sincere heresy.

Romans 10:2 = *For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but no in accordance with knowledge. (read Romans 9:1-3, 6&7, 27, 31&32)*

John 8:31-32 = *To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

John 14:6 = *I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except through Me.*

John 16:13 = (Jesus speaking...) *when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth*

John 17:17-18 = *Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*

CONTRAST: Hyper-Calvinism VS. Cheap-Grace

1 John 2:3-6 = *by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. Whoever says "I know him" but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.*

*** VIDEO: "My Way" ***

T/S: Revelation 2-3 = (7 Churches = **2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, & 22**)

"He who has ears, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches..."

5 of 7 churches rebuked for "NOT BEING" the Church!

Jude 3 = "...contend earnestly for the faith..."

Titus 1:10-11 = *For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. **II** They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach...*

III. Christ-like love CONFRONTS self-centered heresy.

Romans 10:3 = *For not knowing about God's righteousness and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God.*

I do.... vs Christ's DONE!

2 Corinthians 5:21 = *He made the One who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

Worship.... vs Work....

Heart.... vs Hands....

BUT... where the heart is, the hands will follow!

where the worship leads, works will follow! (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Mark 12:28-34 = (Great Commandments)... “One of the scribes..., asked Him, “What commandment is the foremost of all?” **29** Jesus answered, “The foremost is, ‘**HEAR, O ISRAEL! THE LORD OUR GOD IS ONE LORD; 30 AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.**’ **31** The second is this, ‘**YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.**’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Matthew 23: 23-24 = (in the middle of 8 “Woe to you” passages from Jesus)

*“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe... and have neglected **the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness**; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!*

Micah 6:6-8 = *What should I bring before the LORD when I come to bow before God on high? Should I come before Him with burnt offerings, with year-old calves? **7** Would the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousand streams of oil? Should I give my firstborn for my transgression, the child of my body for my own sin? **8** **He has told you men what is good and what it is the LORD requires of you:** Only to **act justly (aka “live holy lives”)**, to **love faithfulness (aka “kindness”)**, and to **walk humbly with your God.***

Proverbs 21:2-3 = *All a man’s ways seem right to him, but the LORD weighs the heart.*

Christ-like love CARES, CORRECTS, & CONFRONTS