

Grow

Colossians 1:28

Read "Worship.Grow.Serve Pamphlet"

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"The conviction that Christian doctrine matters for Christian living is one of the most important growth points of the Christian life."— Sinclair Ferguson

1.) Recap

Long Definition of Worship:

"True worship is the whole heart, whole life response of faith to the revelation and redemption of God, in Jesus Christ, demonstrated through love for, trust in, and obedience to God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, marked by all joy and gratitude"

Short Version:

"True worship is the response of faith to the word of Christ."

2.) Redemptive History- A Record of Two Words (One True and One False)

Read Genesis 3:15

3.) Do You Want To Grow in Worship? Hear and Respond to the Word of Christ

Read Revelation 13:4

Read Revelation 13:5

Read Revelation 13:8

Read Revelation 13:11

4.) The Lesson From Revelation 13: the Devil, the World, and Your Flesh Are Allied To Conform Your Mind to a Lie and They Will Stop at Nothing

Read Acts 20:29-30

Read John 10:27

5.) To Hear Jesus' Voice, We Need To Have Him Proclaimed Regularly

Read John 17:17

Read Ephesians 1:15-19

Read Ephesians 3:16-19

Read Ephesians 5:25-27

6.) This Is Theology

Read John 17:3

Read Luke 24:25

Read Luke 24:26-27

Application:

1.) True Theology is More Than Facts

—**Jonathan Edwards**, *"The Devil is orthodox in his Faith; he believes the true Scheme of Doctrine; he is no Deist, Socinian, Arian, Pelagian, or Antinomian; the Articles of his Faith are all found, and what he is thoroughly established in."*

— **Gregory Beale**, *"How do we increase the presence of God in our lives and our churches? How did Adam maintain God's presence in his life before the fall? I believe that after you believe in Christ, it is growing in the word of God ultimately and obeying it. Remember what happened to Adam, he was sitting right there when Eve was misquoting Scripture. She misquotes it three different ways and then she falls and Adam falls with her. I take it then, that living in the light of God's word is the way we live in light of his presence. If we don't live in the light of his word, we are in darkness. We will fall. We will not have his presence. It's as simple as that, but it's not real simple. It's not just reading the word of God, but we really have to have a mindset to come to the*

word of God and be willing to be transformed by it. Not reading in our own thoughts, but praying that God's thoughts will form our thoughts, not that our thoughts will mold God's thoughts."

—**William Ames**, *"theology is the knowledge of how to live in the presence of God."*

2.) True Theology Takes Work

—**Amy Bird**, *"If your doctor diagnoses you with Hashimoto's disease, are you going to say, 'eh that sounds too technical, I am not going to worry about that.' Are you? No you will want to learn from the doctor, what he is talking about. If you had Hashimoto's disease, you would want to learn all that you could about it including educating yourself about the doctor who made the diagnosis."*

3.) Theology is Practical

— **Martin Luther**, *"to know God is to worship Him."*

— **Sinclair Ferguson**, *"Generally speaking, 'thinkers' who make the best 'doers'! Cast your mind over the life-stories of the men and women who have had the most practical influence on the church, or perhaps on your own life. You will discover very few among them who were not students of Christian truth" A verse in the OT illustrates this "It says of man that 'as he thinks within himself, so he is' (Proverbs 23:7). That summarizes the Christian position perfectly—how we think is one of the great determining factors in how we live!"*